

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

SESSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

AT

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA,

OCTOBER, 1858:

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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SUMTER, S. C., Oct. 27th, 1858.

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church of Sumter, on Wednesday, October 27th, 1858, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. William Banks, from Philippians iii. 7-9—"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Upon calling the roll, the following persons were found to be

PRESENT:

Presbytery of South Carolina.

MINISTER ^o	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
D. Montgomery,	J. W. Norris,	Good Hope and Roberts.
S. Donnelly,	Job Johnston,	Aveleigh.
W. McWhorter,	Carver Randell,	Hopewell, (Pendleton)
W. H. Davies,	A. Walker,	Providence and Rocky River.
T. L. McBryde,	A. O. Norris,	Anderson C. H.
J. B. Adger,	W. Phillips,	Liberty Spring.
John McLees,	J. F. Livingston,	Upper Long Cane.
S. S. Gaillard,	F. E. Calhoun,	Hopewell and Lodimont.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Joseph Gibert,	H. G. Middleton,	Willington.
E. F. Hyde,	A. Thomson.	Fairview.
David Wills,	James Gillam,	Rock.
A. A. Morse,	J. P. Hillhouse,	Washington St. (Greenville.)
T. A. Hoyt,	John Kyle,	Laurens C. H.
Robert McLees,	D. B. Piester,	Smyrna and Gilder's Creek.
W. Baird,	M. W. Coleman,	Bethesda.
W. W. Sharpe,	S. Donald,	Greenville.
D. C. Boggs.		

Presbytery of Bethel.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. L. Watson,	R. S. Hope,	Bethesda.
J. H. Saye,	A. D. Choate,	Allison's Creek.
W. Banks,	R. B. Caldwell,	Catholic and Pleasant Grove.
J. M. H. Adams,	J. R. Hall,	Ebenezer.
J. M. Anderson,	H. C. Brawley,	Purity.
J. R. Baird,	J. M. Ross,	Yorkville.
J. E. White,	W. N. Guy,	Zion.
A. A. James,	J. J. Wilson,	Bethel.
W. J. McCormick,	L. Z. Williamson,	Lancasterville.
J. G. Richards,	G. H. Miller,	Concord and Mt. Olivet.
J. S. Harris.		
J. A. Davies.		
B. L. Beall.		

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. M. Reid,	S. J. Bradley,	Williamsburg.
W. Brearley,	W. C. Barr,	Indiantown.
P. Pierson,	J. A. Mayes,	Salem, (Black River.)
D. McQueen,	G. Reese Gregg,	Hopewell.
J. A. Wallace,	S. G. Barclay,	Scion.
G. C. Gregg,	T. L. Burgess,	Brewington.
P. E. Bishop,	M. Carmichael,	Little Pee Dee.
J. R. Gilland,	A. Law,	Darlington.
W. W. Wilson,	A. McQueen,	Cheraw.
G. Morgan,	G. Dudley,	Great Pee Dee & Bennettsville.
James Douglas,	F. J. Commander,	Lynchburg,
J. A. Cousar,	J. K. Douglass,	Camden.
James McDowell,	T. Lauderdale,	Salem, (Little River.)
W. C. Sutton,	S. A. Burgess,	Midway.
J. L. Wilson,	S. E. Wilson,	Mt. Zion.
T. R. English,	C. Stiles,	Sumter.
S. H. Hay,	H. Spann,	Concord and Clarendon.
	Robert Fraser,	Bishopville.
	J. S. Thompson,	Liberty Hill.
	S. J. Montgomery,	Elon.
	J. R. Shaw,	Turkey Creek.

Charleston Presbytery.

MINISTERS.

G. Howe,
T. Smyth,
J. H. Thornwell,
Ferdinand Jacobs,
John Douglas,
Edwin Cater,
J. R. Dow,
D. X. Lafar,
A. F. Dickson,
M. D. Wood,
W. B. Corbett,
J. L. Girardeau,
B. E. Lanneau,
I. S. K. Legaré.

RULING ELDERS.

W. Harral,

CHURCHES.

Glebe street, Charleston.

ABSENT :

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—A. W. Ross, D. Humphreys, J. F. Gibert, E. T. Buist, W. Carlisle, J. L. Kennedy, C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, J. C. Williams, J. B. Hillhouse, R. H. Reid, J. O. Lindsay.

Churches not Represented.—Carmel, Mt. Zion, Midway and Broadaway, Pickens C. H., Mt. Tabor, Lebanon, Bethia, Nazareth, Retreat, Richland, Bethel, Rocky Spring, Friendship, New Harmony, Duncan's Creek, Bethany, Nazareth, Little River, Little Mountain, Varennis, Tugulo, Spartanburg, North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, Warrior's Creek, Antioch, Mt. Bethel, Clinton.

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—J. L. R. Davies, L. W. Curtis.

Churches not Represented.—Beersheba, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Cedar Shoal, Fishing Creek, Fairforest, Hopewell, Salem, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Unionville, Unity, Waxhaw, Douglas.

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—J. Harrington, J. C. Coit, J. Brown, M. D. Fraser, D. E. Frierson, G. W. Boggs, A. D. Campbell, A. E. Chandler, A. L. Crawford, A. M. Small.

Churches not Represented.—Harmony, Lebanon, Horeb, Aimwell, Beaver Creek, Reedy Creek, Carolina, Marion C. H., White Oak, Pine Tree, Red Bluff, Kingston.

Charleston Presbytery.

Ministers.—A. W. Leland, W. S. Lee, Edward Palmer, John Forrest, W. C. Dana, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. B. Yates, T. H. Legaré, James Cohen, J. B. Dunwody, R. A. Mickle.

Churches not Represented.—Second Church, Charleston; Central Church, Charleston; Columbia, Orangeburg, Walterborough, Barnwell, James Island, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Wilton, Beech Island, Stoney Creek.

Upon completing the roll, Synod proceeded to the election of officers.

The Rev. T. L. McBryde, D. D., was elected Moderator, and the Rev. T. A. Hoyt, Temporary Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Bishop, it was

Resolved, That the first half hour of each day's session of this body be spent in devotional exercises.

On motion of Mr. Bishop, Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 28th, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Saye, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last stated meeting be dispensed with, and printed copies of the same distributed.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, it was

Resolved, That the duty of hearing excuses from the last and the present meetings of Synod, be assigned to the Standing Committee on Leave of Absence.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, the Rev. W. J. Keith, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees :

On Bills and Overtures.—*Ministers*—W. Banks, J. H. Thornwell, John Douglas, A. D. Montgomery. *Ruling Elders*—J. K. Douglass, S. E. Wilson, F. E. Calhoun.

Judicial Committee.—*Ruling Elders*—Job Johnston, A. McQueen, H. C. Brawley. *Ministers*—J. B. Adger, J. M. H. Adams.

Financial Committee.—*Ruling Elders*—W. Harral, A. O. Norris, A. Law, J. M. Ross, F. J. Commander.

On the Narrative.—*Ministers*—A. F. Dickson, G. C. Gregg, W. J. McCormick. *Ruling Elders*—C. Randell, J. A. Mayes.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly.—*Ministers*—G. Howe, E. Cater, A. A. Morse. *Ruling Elders*—J. Gillam, J. R. Hall.

On Religious Exercises.—*Ministers*—D. McQueen, P. E. Bishop. *Ruling Elder.*—C. Stiles.

On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers*—J. H. Saye, W. B. Corbett, J. G. Richards, W. W. Wilson. *Ruling Elders.*—W. N. Guy, G. Dudley, W. Phillips.

The following Committees were appointed on Presbyterial Records :

Presbytery of South Carolina.—*Ministers*—J. M. Anderson, J. E. White. *Ruling Elder*—T. Lauderdale.

Presbytery of Bethel.—*Ministers*—S. S. Gaillard, W. M. Reid. *Ruling Elder*—S. A. Burgess.

Presbytery of Harmony.—*Ministers*—S. L. Watson, S. Donnelly. *Ruling Elder*—R. B. Caldwell

Charleston Presbytery.—*Ministers*—W. Brearley, John McLees. *Ruling Elder*—H. Spann.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, it was

Resolved, That during the present sessions of this body, two public religious services be held each day, one at 11 o'clock, A. M. and at the other at 7 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Cater, it was

Resolved, That Synod do now hear the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

They were accordingly read, with the exception of those of the Presbytery of Harmony which were not then in the house, and the Narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

On motion of Mr. Cater, it was

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Harmony be directed to place the Narrative of that Presbytery in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative.

The Statistical Reports are as follows :

The Presbytery of South Carolina report : That they consist of thirty-one Ministers ; and have under their care fifty-one Churches, two Licentiates, and seven Candidates. They have licensed Mr. J. A. Walker and Mr. W. F. Pearson, to preach the Gospel ; have received the Rev. T. E. Davis from the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. ; and have ordained Mr. D. C. Boggs as an Evan-

gelist. They have dismissed the Candidate, Mr. J. J. Long, to put himself under the care of Transylvania Presbytery; and have organized a church at Williamston, by the name of Williamston Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery of Bethel report: That they consist of sixteen Ministers; and have under their care one Licentiate, and twenty-six Churches. They have dismissed the Licentiate, Mr. Samuel W. Wilson, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. They have received the Rev. Benjamin L. Beall from the Presbytery of Concord, and have installed him pastor of Fishing Creek Church. Of their Ministers, three are without charge, of whom two are in feeble health and one is about to move to the West; ten are pastors, and three are stated supplies. Of their Churches, twelve have regular pastors for either the whole or a part of their time; sixteen have stated supplies, and of these two are supplied by a member of East Alabama Presbytery, and one by a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Concord. Three of their Churches are vacant, and one has only week-day supplies.

The Presbytery of Harmony report: That they consist of twenty-five Ministers; and have under their care thirty-five Churches, one Licentiate, and five Candidates. They have licensed Mr. David Fairly to preach the Gospel, and have received the Rev. W. C. Sutton from the Presbytery of Concord. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. M. Small and Liberty Hill Church, and have dismissed Mr. Small to the Presbytery of East Alabama. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. A. Cousar and Carolina Church, Mr. Cousar still retaining the pastoral charge of Reedy Creek Church for half the time. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. T. R. English and Pine Tree Church, in order that Mr. English may enter upon the Missionary work within their bounds. They have dismissed the Rev. A. E. Chandler to the Presbytery of Florida and the Rev. A. L. Crawford to the Presbytery of Ouachita.

The Charleston Presbytery report: That they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 13 Churches, 4 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

They have licensed to preach the Gospel, Messrs. G. H. Coit, S. E. Axson, J. Q. Danforth, A. P. Smith and T. E. Smith.

They have organized a Church at Aiken with 3 Elders—Messrs.

W. P. Finley, J. B. Legaré and Robert Wright, which is supplied by the Rev. J. H. Carroll, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey. They have dismissed the Rev. R. A. Mickle to the Presbytery of Flint River, Georgia; and the Licétiates, Mr. N. W. Edmunds, Mr. Theodore E. Smith and Mr. Samuel Galloway, to put themselves under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony; also, Mr. G. H. Coit, to put himself under the care of the Flint River Presbytery. The Rev. Reuben Post, D. D., has departed this life.

Mr. McQueen, from the Committee on Religious Exercises, presented a partial report, recommending that Mr. McCormick preach this morning at 11 o'clock, and Mr. Wood this evening at 7 o'clock.

An amendment to the report was moved by Mr. Cater—that the Address before the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers and the indigent families of deceased Ministers, be substituted for the Sermon on to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. After discussion, Mr. Cater, with the leave of the house, withdrew the amendment; and the question recurring on the original report, the same was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cater, it was then

Resolved, That the aforesaid address be heard at 1 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, it was

Resolved, That during the present sessions of this body, the hour of meeting be 9 o'clock in the morning, and the hour of adjournment be 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The subject of the time and place of the next stated meeting of Synod was then taken up, and it was

Resolved, That the Synod hold its next annual meeting in the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, on Wednesday, before the last Sabbath of October, 1859, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and the Report of the Treasurer, were received and read; and on motion of Mr. Cater, they were referred to a Special Committee. Messrs. Cater, Adams, Wilson, Livingston and Douglass, were appointed the Committee.

The hour for public worship having arrived, on motion of Mr. Bishop, Synod receded from business to attend the same.

After recess, the house came to order.

Mr. Robert Fraser, Ruling Elder from Bishopville Church, appeared and rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness.

The Rev. W. H. Singeltary, from the Synod of Mississippi, being present, on motion of Mr. James, he was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion of Mr. Bishop, the order of Synod touching the time of adjournment was reconsidered, and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That Synod do now take recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess, the house came to order and resumed business.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, it was

Resolved, That it be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. Mr. Keith in reference to the subject of Colportage in connexion with the Assembly's Board of Publication.

Mr. Saye, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, presented a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Leave of Absence, beg leave to submit the following report:

Communications have been received from the Rev. Messrs. A. W. Ross, Joseph Brown, and J. O. Lindsay, assigning reasons for absence from this meeting of Synod, and from Friendship and Bethel Churches, South Carolina Presbytery and Orangeburg Church, Charleston Presbytery, assigning reasons for non-representation at the same. Your Committee recommend that these excuses be severally sustained.

They recommend the adoption of the following Minute by the Synod:

Whereas our brother in Christ, the Rev. Joseph Brown, has communicated to the Synod the painful intelligence that he is now laboring under severe bodily affliction, an affliction which he fears may prevent his ever meeting this body again and sharing in its deliberations; therefore

Resolved, That Brother Brown has our heartfelt sympathy in his present distress, with our earnest prayers for his comfort, and the Divine blessing in this afflictive dispensation of God's Providence, and for his speedy and entire restoration to health and usefulness.

On motion of Mr. Dow, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. R. Post, D. D. Dr. Smyth and Messrs Dow and Harral, were appointed the Committee.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented and read, and, on motion of Mr. Bishop, was referred to a Special Committee. Messrs. Adams,

Lanneau, James Douglas, Gillam, and G. R. Gregg, were appointed the Committee.

A letter from the Committee appointed by the Synod of Alabama, to confer with this Synod in regard to the Theological Seminary, was received and read, and, on motion of Mr. Bishop, was referred to the Special Committee on the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

A letter from the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, was received and read, and, on motion, was referred to the Special Committee on the Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report—which was adopted—recommending that the reasons assigned by Messrs. Dana and Cohen, for absence from the present meeting, be sustained.

Mr. Harral, from the Committee on the Invested Funds of the S. C. Professorship in Oglethorpe University, presented a report; which, on motion of Mr. Bishop, was accepted and referred to the Special Committee on the Report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

The Stated Clerk presented the account for the publication of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Synod, which, on motion of Dr. Thornwell, was referred to the Financial Committee.

The following persons were nominated as Trustees of Oglethorpe University:

1. For two years:

Ministers.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, John Douglas, G. C. Gregg, A. F. Dickson, W. Baird. *Laymen*—Dr. G. W. Glen, Dr. J. W. Simpson.

2. For three years:

Ministers.—G. Howe, T. Smyth, T. R. English, T. A. Hoyt, J. L. Girardeau. *Laymen*—J. Gillam, S. Clarke.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 29th, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Cater, it was

Resolved, That the Synod proceed to the election of Trustees of Oglethorpe University at half past 12 o'clock to-day.

Dr. J. L. Wilson and Messrs. S. H. Hay, I. S. K. Legaré, and G. H. Miller, Ruling Elder from Mount Olivet Church, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Gaillard, from the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Bethel, presented a report, recommending the approval of them, which was adopted.

The Account of the Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions was received, and, on motion of Mr. Saye, was ordered to be placed on the docket.

Mr. McQueen, from the Committee on Religious Exercises, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

That the services at the inauguration of the Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., as Professor of Church History and Ecclesiastical Polity in the Theological Seminary, be held, and the inaugural address of Dr. Adger be heard, this evening; that the services accompanying the reading of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and that the Rev. Dr. McBryde deliver the annual Sermon on Foreign Missions at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

The Committee report the following appointments for the Sabbath:

In the Presbyterian Church:

Dr. Thornwell—Preach in the morning.

Dr. Howe—Introduce the communion and distribute the bread.

Mr. Donnelly—Distribute the wine.

Mr. Bishop—Serve the table for colored persons.

Mr. Bishop—Preach in the afternoon.

Dr. Adger—Preach at night.

In the Methodist Church:

Mr. Girardeau—Preach in the morning

Mr. Adams—In the afternoon to the colored people.

Mr. Wills—At night.

In the Baptist Church:

Mr. Hoyt—Preach in the morning.

Mr. Girardeau—In the afternoon to the colored people.

Mr. James—At night.

Dr. Howe, from the Synod's Committee of Education, presented their Annual Report, which was read, and on motion of Mr.

McWhorter, was referred to a Special Committee. Messrs. McWhorter, Jacobs and Norris, were appointed the Committee.

Mr. Cater, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, presented a report, which, on motion of Dr. Howe, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee of the Synod, to whom the several papers relating to Oglethorpe University were referred, would present the following resolutions for adoption by the Synod :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod has learned, with pleasure, that the Lord has mercifully visited our University with a gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit, resulting in the hopeful conversion of a large number of the students; and, as a Synod, we do most cordially commend this favored Institution to the patronage and prayers of the members of our churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the exemplary conduct of the students, generally, as reported by the Faculty, is very gratifying to the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That, as the comfort of the students requires an improvement in the dormitories furnished for their accommodation, the Synod would suggest to the Board of Trustees the propriety of making those improvements as soon as they can raise the funds necessary, in such manner as may appear most judicious to them; and, should they deem it necessary, for that purpose, to send an agent into the field, we commend the object to the favorable consideration of the churches.

In regard to the Report of the Investing Committee of the South Carolina Professorship, we would report to the Synod, that the said Committee deserve praise for the patient fidelity with which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

As to the issue of Scrip for Scholarships, we would recommend that the Chairman of the Investing Committee correspond with the Board of Trustees, and if the Board approve, that the said Scrip may then be issued.

In reply to the request of the Board of Trustees, for a copy of the Annual Report of the state of the funds of the South Carolina Professorship, we recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish to the Board a copy of the Report so desired.

The time for taking up the order of the day for ten o'clock having arrived, the Rev. Mr. Keith was heard in relation to the interests of Colportage, as connected with the Assembly's Board of Publication.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, the subject was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to bring in a report in regard to it.

Mr. Harral, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill for the publication of the Minutes of the last meeting of Synod, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill of Messrs. James & Williams, of Charleston, for printing 750 copies of the Minutes of the last Synod, recommend that the same be paid by assessments on the Presbyteries, as follows :

South Carolina Presbytery,.....	\$38 00
Charleston do.	35 00
Harmony do.	33 00
Bethel do.	29 00

\$135 00

On motion of Mr. Saye, Synod then took a recess until the hour of public worship.

11 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and joined in Divine Worship.

The services being concluded, on motion of Mr. Saye, the Rev. A. G. Peden, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod then proceeded to take up the order of the day for 12½ o'clock—the election of Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

Messrs. McLees and McCormick were appointed tellers to collect and count the votes.

Dr. Thornwell, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, submitted to Synod a paper, which was adopted by the Board, recommending certain changes in the Constitution of the Seminary.

After some remarks by Dr. Thornwell and Dr. Adger, it was moved, by Mr. Saye, that the paper be referred to a Special Committee.

With the leave of the house, this motion was withdrawn ; and, on motion of Dr. Adger, the subject was docketed.

On motion of Dr. Howe, it was, by a vote of two-thirds,

Resolved, To reconsider the question of the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the Funds of the South Carolina Professorship in Oglethorpe University; and, on his motion, the Report was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of General Gillam and Mr. Harral.

Mr. Donnelly, from the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Harmony, presented a report—recommending the approval of them—which was adopted.

Mr. Brearley, from the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, presented a report—recommending the approval of them—which was adopted.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina, presented a report—recommending the approval of them—which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Morse, Synod took recess, in order to give way to the address before the Society, for the relief of superannuated ministers, and the indigent widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

When the house again came to order, Mr. McLees, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Trustees of Oglethorpe University, reported the election of the following persons :

1. For two years :—*Ministers*—J. L. Kirkpatrick, John Douglas, G. C. Gregg, A. F. Dickson. *Laymen*—G. W. Glen, J. W. Simpson.

2. For three years :—*Ministers*—G. Howe, T. Smyth, T. A. Hoyt, J. L. Girardeau. *Laymen*—J. Gillam, S. Clarke.

Mr. Adams, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented a report, which, on motion of Mr. Saye, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to report the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the complete organization of the Faculty; the fidelity and zeal of the Professors; the number and deportment of the students, especially their active Christian labors during the past year; and the watchful care of the Board of Directors over the general interests of the Institution; are causes of devout thanksgiving and hopeful anticipation.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod has heard, with the highest plea-

sure, of the cordial and unanimous adoption, by the Synod of Alabama, of this Seminary as its own, and on its part, ratifies and confirms its own previous action, and that of the Executive Committee, in the premises; and does hereby consummate the union by recognizing the Synod of Alabama, as having henceforth joint and equal rights with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, in the possession, control and management of the Institution, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

In relation to this subject, be it further

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby returned to the Executive Committee, and its delegate, the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., for their efficient agency in securing this desirable result.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors be instructed and empowered to secure such alterations in the Charter and Constitution of the Seminary as may be rendered necessary by the change.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board be urged to complete, as early as possible, the collection and investment of the funds of the Fourth Professorship; and that, in connection with the Standing Committee of the Synod of Alabama, steps be taken, as soon as may seem expedient, to raise a permanent fund for the support of the Hebrew Tutor, and to defray the annual incidental expenses of the Institution.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod regards attendance by the Board, upon the annual examinations of the Seminary, as among its chief duties, and that, in discharging it, ample time be allowed the Professors for exhibiting, and the Board for judging of proficiency of the students.

5. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Board of Directors be published in the appendix of the Minutes of Synod.

The Rev. D. Wills was appointed to deliver the next annual discourse on Foreign Missions, and the Rev. J. E. White, his alternate.

The following persons were nominated to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary: *Ministers*—T. Smyth, John Douglas, T. A. Hoyt, T. L. McBryde, W. C. Dana. *Laymen*—A. Crawford, J. K. Douglass, Gen. Gillam. Professor Venable.

Dr. Howe, from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented a Report, which, on motion of Mr. Bishop, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly Report that they find little which demands the action of this body. They would direct the attention of our Ministers and Churches to the recommendation of the Assembly found on page 291, Resolution 3d, in reference to a Union with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, which is as follows:

“Resolved, That it be recommended to all, and especially our Ministers and Churches in the South, to circulate for examination and use, the Psalms in metre, according to the version used in the Church of Scotland.”

The Committee would recommend to the Synod to re-affirm the deliverance of the Assembly on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, with the change of a few words, and to transfer it to our Minutes.

[Substitute the word “contribute” for the word “pay,” and “Synod” for “General Assembly,” and the addition to Resolution 3d of the following words, “and that it be enjoined upon them to preach on this subject at some convenient time during the present Synodical year.”]

The Committee further recommend the adoption by Synod of the 5th Resolution, on page 275, in relation to the last Thursday in February, as follows:

“That the last Thursday in February next be observed as a day of Prayer for children and youth, especially those collected in Academies, Colleges, and Seminaries.”

The following is the Deliverance of the Assembly, with the Resolutions, altered in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee:

1. Every man is a steward of God in the use and management of the talent, time and substance, which God has entrusted to him.

2. Under the command, “occupy till I come,” the steward is bound to employ the trust, be it great or small, for God’s glory, and the good of the world.

3. Contribution of our substance for religious purposes, from religious motives, and in a scriptural way, is a Christian duty, and is part of true piety, as fully and completely as are praise, prayer, sacraments, or any other religious duty or exercise. It is not one of the offices of religion which a Christian man is at liberty to neglect, or slightly perform at his own pleasure. He who is not regularly a man of prayer, cannot be accounted a consistent

Christian, neither can he who is not regularly a man of beneficence. If every Christian ought to pray for the establishment of Christ's kingdom, every Christian is equally bound to contribute towards its establishment and maintenance.

4. Offerings of property to God for religious purposes formed a large part of the worship of the Ancient Church. Can it be, that with a world to conquer for Christ, offerings of property for religious purposes form no part of the worship of the Christian Church, and no part of Christian piety? Paul calls beneficence and contribution, Christian sacrifices. (Heb. 13 : 16.)

5. "As God hath prospered" the donor, so does He require him to give.

6. Contribution is a means of grace, as well as a part of practical piety, and ought to be as regularly and systematically employed as any other means. It is the means by which "covetousness, which is idolatry," is counteracted; by which the love of the world is crucified, and the grace of charity strengthened by exercise.

In view of these principles, therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod does most earnestly urge upon all the Presbyteries and Sessions to persevere in their endeavors to inaugurate in all the congregations such plans for systematic benevolence as may most effectively cultivate and call into exercise the grace of giving, and to report of their faithfulness herein.

2. That they be careful to cultivate this grace alike in the rich, the poor, and the young ; striving to lead all of every age and condition, to attend as regularly to this part of piety as any other.

3. That Ministers be requested to take special pains to inculcate the doctrines and duties of Christian stewardship ; and that it be enjoined upon them to preach on this subject at some convenient time during the present Synodical year.

Mr. W. W. Wilson, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, presented a report, which, on motion of Mr. Bishop was adopted, recommending that leave of absence be granted to the following persons : Messrs. Cater, Harrison, Jacobs, Sutton, Lafar, Middleton, S. J. Montgomery, Carmichael, Phillips, Kyle, Piester, Colman, R. McLees, Corbett, Gaillard, A. McQueen, Hillhouse, Calhoun, Guy, Miller, Thompson, Livingston.

On motion of Mr. Bishop, Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 30th, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the last session were read, and after certain corrections were approved.

The Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., of the Synod of North Carolina being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod proceeded to take up the first order of the day—the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Messrs. White and Lanneau were appointed Tellers, to collect and count the votes.

Mr. McWhorter, from the Special Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Synod's Committee of Education, and the Treasurer's account, presented a Report, which, on motion of Mr. Wills, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Committee of Education, and the Treasurer's account, respectfully Report that they have examined the same and find the account correct.

The Committee are glad and thankful to learn that the Synod's Committee have been enabled, under God's blessing, to do so much in the cause of educating candidates for the Gospel ministry; but as the calls for increased funds for the support of students while pursuing their studies, are becoming more frequent and urgent, your Committee would recommend that Synod enjoin on all its Ministers to present the cause to their different charges, and make prompt efforts to increase their contributions for this purpose.

On motion of Mr. Morse, it was

Resolved, That it be a standing order of Synod, that it will allow the Society for the relief of superannuated Ministers, and the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Ministers, to hold its annual meeting on the second day of the sessions of the Synod

The Rev. T. R. English appeared and took his seat.

Mr. John R. Shaw, Ruling Elder from the recently organized Church of Turkey Creek, in the Presbytery of Harmony, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Banks, from the Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, presented a report which

after some remarks by Chancellor Johnston was, on motion of Mr. Bishop, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee of Conference with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, beg leave to report :

That since the last meeting of our Synod, nothing has been accomplished towards the contemplated union, of an encouraging character, and all that we deem necessary in this report, is simply to direct the attention of the Synod to the present state of the correspondence.

Shortly after the rising of our last Synod, a convention of members of the two Synods was called in Columbia, to consider the subject of an union. The result of that convention is well known. At the late sessions of the Associate Reformed Synod at Due West, your Committee was called to meet for conference with the General Assembly's Committee, and with the Associate Reformed Synod. Then, the continuance of the correspondence and the whole subject of the relations of the two churches was fully discussed. And while it was evident that a very considerable portion of their Synod would be willing to continue the correspondence, with the hope of ultimately securing some satisfactory basis of union, yet in the present divided state of opinion among themselves, the Synod deemed it expedient to postpone indefinitely the negotiations for union.

While we believe there are many in that body who desire a more free and unrestricted intercourse with, if not entire union with the Presbyterian Church, on some basis satisfactory to both parties, yet in view of the late decision of their Synod on the subject, we would recommend that *as a Synod*, our correspondence with them be now terminated, and your Committee be discharged.

Mr. White, from the Committee appointed to collect and count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported the election of the following persons : *Ministers*—John Douglas, T. L. McBryde, T. A. Hoyt, T. Smyth. *Laymen*—A. Crawford, J. Gillam, J. K. Douglass.

Gen. Gillam, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the funds of the S. C. Professorship in Oglethorpe University, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, charged with the duty of reporting to the Synod the state of the funds of the S. C. Professorship in Oglethorpe University, respectfully report :

That they have examined the state of the funds of the said Pro-

fessorship and regard them as safe and judiciously vested, as far as the Investing Committee have gone.

That a sufficient amount has been collected, and permanently invested, to cover the salary of Prof. Lane, which has been increased from \$1500, to \$1600, and leaves a balance of \$44.00, besides \$227.00 annual interest on notes not collected and vested. These notes are regarded as available, and amount to \$3255.

Amount collected and invested up to November 1857,...	\$4,282.00
Amount since collected and invested,.....	\$16,215.00
Total amount invested,.....	20,497.00
Amount to be collected and invested,.....	3,255.00

Making a grand total of.....\$23,752.00

An annual interest is yielded of \$1871.

It is proper to add that there are some notes in the hands of the Investing Committee, which are bad and doubtful, and which have not been computed in this estimate.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, the Paper submitted by him yesterday on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, recommending certain changes in the Constitution, was taken up from the docket.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, it was

Resolved, That the recommendations embodied in that paper be considered *seriatim*.

Pending the discussion of these recommendations, the hour being at hand for taking up the subject of Foreign Missions, on motion of Mr. Saye, Synod took recess for five minutes.

When the house again came to order, Dr. Smyth from the Synod's Committee of Foreign Missions presented and read the Annual Report. After remarks by Dr. John Leighton Wilson one of the Secretaries of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions and a member of this body, and also by Dr. Adger and Dr. Smyth, on motion of Mr. Hoyt, the Report was referred to a Special Committee. Messrs. Hoyt, Adger, Douglas, Harral and S. E. Wilson were appointed the Committee.

Dr. Smyth moved that the unfinished business in relation to the Seminary be suspended, and that the Report of the Special Committee on Colportage be now heard. A division was called for, and the motion was lost

The unfinished business was resumed, and Dr. Thornwell was heard in defence of the eighth recommendation, viz: "Section

Article 2. It is proposed to strike out all after the words 'shall be' in the first line, down to the word 'presented,' in the fourth."

The following amendment was offered by Mr. Bishop, as a supplement to the recommendation:

"And students, contemplating the ministry in the Presbyterian Church, must also furnish testimonials that they have been examined in their literary course by their Presbyteries, and come to the Seminary with their sanction; or else, they must furnish testimonials within six months after their connection with it."

With the leave of the House, this amendment was withdrawn.

On motion of Dr. Thornwell, the following substitute was adopted, viz: that the words, "in the learned languages" be stricken out of the 2nd Article of Section VI.

On motion of Dr. Howe, Article I, of Section VI, was altered so as to read thus:

"Students to be admitted must furnish the Faculty with satisfactory testimonials of their talents, piety and prudence; of being in full communion with some Christian church; of having been regularly educated at some College or University, or in the absence of such testimonials must satisfy the Faculty by examination, that they have made attainments deemed equivalent."

Pending the discussion of the Board's recommendations, Synod took recess until 4½ o'clock.

When Synod again came to order, Mr. Dickson, from the Committee on the Narrative, presented a report which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Mr. W. Baird, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Colportage, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the matter of supplying our churches with the books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, report:

That in view of the intrinsic excellence of the works issued by said Board, their admirable adaptation to the wants of our people, and yet the limited extent to which they are possessed by the families of our congregations, or diffused in the regions beyond;

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, the time has come, when by a more speedy and economical process, those books should be placed within the reach of all the members of our congregations, and be carried to the destitute in every part of our land.

2. *Resolved*, That for effecting these objects, it be earnestly recommended to all our churches as speedily as possible to procure the entire works issued by our Board, and employ them as circulating libraries for the use of the whole congregation.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all our ministers and elders to see that the destitute and uninformed in regard to our doctrines and church order, within and around their own borders, be gratuitously supplied with books adapted to their use.

4. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon each of our Presbyteries to employ the aid of judicious and efficient colporteurs to such extent as shall be requisite for the annual visitation and supply of the most remote regions within their bounds.

On motion of Chan. Johnston, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That as a means for preserving the materials of our church history in this State, the Presbyteries and Church Sessions be requested to deposite, in the Archives of the Theological Seminary, from time to time, copies of their Minutes, together with any documents, letters, &c., of historical value that they may be in possession of.

Resolved, further, That the public, and especially that portion of the public connected with our church, be requested to deposite in the same place, for preservation, any documents, letters, &c., of which they may be in possession.

On motion of Gen. Gillam, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. James M. Caldwell, Joseph A. Enslow, and James Dillingham, be appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Investing Committee of the Funds of the S. C. Professorship in Oglethorpe University, before they are annually submitted to the Synod.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, the unfinished business was resumed—the recommendations of the Board of Directors in regard to certain changes in the Constitution of the Seminary.

The 1st and 2nd recommendations were successively adopted by a vote of two-thirds.

The 1st proposition in the 3d recommendation, touching the mode of electing Professors, was then adopted, viz :—"To give the power of election to the Synods successively, the election by each Synod being final and absolute."

The 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th recommendations as amended, were successively adopted by a vote of two-thirds.

On motion of Mr. Girardeau, the paper as amended, was then by a vote of two-thirds, adopted as a whole, excepting the 2d and 3d propositions in the 3d recommendation, touching the mode of electing Professors.

The paper, as amended and adopted, is as follows :

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary having had to revise the Constitution in order to submit to the Synod the changes necessary for carrying out the recent engagement with the Synod of Alabama, have thought it a good opportunity to propose such other changes as seemed to be desirable. They are not numerous and some are very simple. The whole are as follows :

1. SECTION II. ART. 1. It is proposed to add after the words " of these two bodies," " and of the Synod of Alabama."

2. SEC. II. ART. 2. It is proposed to substitute "thirty-six" for "twenty-four," ministers, and "twenty-seven" for "eighteen" laymen, and "one-third" for "one-half" of the number.

3. SEC. II. ART. 3. In relation to this article, which provides for the election of Professors, the Board submits to the Synod three propositions without expressing any opinion of its own. 1. To give the power of election to the Synods successively, the election by each Synod being final and absolute. In case this suggestion is adopted, the article will have to be changed by adding, after "the Synod of Georgia, the second," "the Synod of Alabama the third," substituting the word "successively" for "alternately," and striking out all the remainder of the article except the last sentence. 2. The second proposition is to give the power of election exclusively to the Board of Directors. 3. The third, to give it to such a Board of Electors as that recommended by the Synod of Georgia. In case the second suggestion is adopted, a clause to that effect would have to be inserted in Sec. IV. If the third should be adopted, a new section must be added.

4. SEC. III. If the election be given to the Synod, without veto, it will be necessary to strike out the words "or in confirming the election of a Professor," in the second article. If either of the other suggestions be adopted, the whole section must be changed accordingly.

5. SEC. IV. ART. 1. It is proposed to substitute "three" for "two" committees of investment, and add after "one in each Synod," if it should be found necessary to appoint one for the Synod of Alabama.

6. SEC. IV. ART. 8. It is proposed to strike out all after "shall" in the first line, to "attend" in the second, and to substitute

"Board" for "Committee," in the fourth line, and to strike out the last sentence of the article.

7. It is further proposed to add to this section another article to the following effect :

The Board shall also appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of seven members to take charge of the interests of the Seminary during the recess of the Board, said Committee to report regularly to the Board, and to originate no measures without instructions from the Board.

8. SEC. VI. ART. 2. It is proposed to strike out the words "in the learned languages."

9. SEC. XI. ART. 4. It is proposed to strike out the words "Examining Committee."

On motion of Dr. Adger, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Howe be appointed to visit the Synod of Georgia, and communicate the above action of this Synod relative to the constitution of the Seminary to that body, and that Dr. Thornwell visit the Synod of Alabama for the same purpose.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in order the more perfectly to honor the memory of our fathers, and keep their names and labors in everlasting remembrance, one hour be appropriated at each Synod for hearing a historical account of some one church or section of our Synod, the account to be then filed in a pamphlet case in the library of the Theological Seminary, labelled "Synodical Documents, Church Histories;" that our historiographer be requested to report progress at every Synod, and to publish in the Review, or otherwise, sections or portions of his work ; that all pastors and lay-members are requested to prepare such sketches, and to collect and write out all traditionary facts attainable, and preserve all pamphlets and letters, or papers, and furnish them for said deposit, until all in turn can have the opportunity of presenting them before Synod, and that an individual be now appointed to prepare such a sketch of our oldest unchronicled church or section, for the next Synod.

On motion of Dr. Smyth, the following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That the Sessions of the Churches be required to add a column to the annual Statistical Reports, setting forth the number and names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons in every congregation.

2. *Resolved*, That all the Churches report at the next meeting

whether they are duly organized, according to the requirements of the New Testament and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, with Ruling Elders and Deacons.

On motion of Dr. Adger, Synod then took recess until the hour of public worship this evening.

After recess, Synod came to order, and listened to the Annual Discourse on Foreign Missions, delivered by the Rev. T. L. McBryde, D. D.

While the Synod joined with the congregation in singing the 562d Hymn, commencing "From Greenland's icy mountains," a collection in aid of Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to \$229.16.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Synod's Committee of Foreign Missions, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, would submit to Synod, for its adoption, the following resolutions :

1. That the report of the Committee and of the Treasurer, also of the Treasury in New York, be printed in the appendix to the Minutes, and that the portion of the report which contains the argument be printed in pamphlet form.

2. That Synod is gratified to learn, that although the past year has been one of pecuniary embarrassment, the contributions to this object from the churches under its care have been larger than during any previous year, and while the steady increase in the liberality of our churches affords matter of encouragement and thanksgiving, yet the Synod would hold up before them the solemn testimony, that in its judgment the aggregate of their contributions to this cause fall far, very far, below the amount justly expected from them.

3. That Synod has heard, with the most lively interest, the statements made by Dr. J. L. Wilson, respecting the present and prospective operations of the Board of Foreign Missions; and Synod would most heartily accept the obligation to renewed and vigorous effort so manifestly imposed by Divine Providence, in throwing open to the church South America, Africa, China and India, as they were never opened before. In the discharge of the high duty thus laid upon her, the Synod would respond to the suggestion made by the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, and earnestly urged by Dr. Wilson, with refer-

ence to raising more money and sending more missionaries into the fields thus wonderfully made to whiten unto the harvest. The Synod does, therefore, call upon the churches to cast their gifts more liberally than ever into the treasury of the Lord; and upon its ministers and candidates to consecrate themselves freely, as God may direct them, to this blessed work.

4. That this Synod has heard, with profound emotion, of the death of James Adger, Esq., recently and for so long a time the faithful Treasurer of her funds for Foreign Missions; and would record her deep sense of the loss thereby inflicted upon her, upon this object of his long labors of love, and upon the whole cause of Christ within our bounds.

When, at the last session of this body, his oft-repeated request to resign his office was reluctantly granted, it was not in her thoughts, that at the next meeting she would be called upon to stand in mourning around the bier of her laborious and venerable servant. "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" The Synod would embrace the opportunity of succinctly recording the lessons of Providence, taught by his life, and the lessons of grace taught by his death.

In the high endowments bestowed upon him by nature, a promise of success was given, which, as he felt and acknowledged, was realized only by the special blessing of God. Untiring industry, wise economy, far-reaching sagacity and moral integrity, are qualities which ordinarily render their possessor eminent in any avocation of life. But, when to these are joined liberal charity, filial piety, devotion to the church, and reverence towards God, the conditions are fulfilled, upon which Providence has suspended many large promises. It is worthy of remark, at this juncture in the history of the church, that although Mr. Adger was engaged during his long life in accumulating an immense fortune—an effort demanding the utmost skill, energy, prudence and resolution—yet, at no period of it was his heart steeled, or his hand closed to the call of mercy. Many poor relatives in this and other States, in this country and across the water, have been assisted by his bounty; not a few young men owed to him their ability to begin business; the various charitable foundations of Charleston acknowledged his liberality; the missionary and other benevolent operations of the church were enriched by his gifts; and the library of our Theological Seminary is indebted to him for many of its most costly and valuable works. These benefactions did

not impoverish him while living, and they embalm his memory now that he is dead.

The Synod rejoices in being able to add, that when upon the bed of death, he came to look back upon his earthly career, and to look forward to the future, Mr. Adger declared emphatically and repeatedly, that he had no trust but in Christ. This great-hearted, iron-nerved man, this merchant-prince, of high character, of wide influence and of extensive charities, renounced confidence in all these, and counted them, with all other things, but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord; he pillowed his hoary head upon the bosom of his Saviour, and committed his majestic soul into the hands of Jesus.

The sympathy and condolence of the Synod are tendered to his family in their bereavement.

5. That the members of the Executive and Auditing Committees, now in office, be re-appointed. In regard to the suggestion of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, that his place be supplied by another, the Synod is so deeply sensible of the value of his services, and so well aware of her indebtedness to him for the present posture of this body, and of the churches under her care, toward this great work, that she cannot willingly consent that he should desert his post so long as the Lord shall spare him to her service. The Synod would, therefore, urge Dr. Smyth to continue in his office, even though he should find it necessary to devolve on others the labor of preparing the Annual Reports.

Dr. Smyth from the Committee appointed to bring in a Minute touching the death of Dr. Post, presented the following, which was adopted:

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints;” and it is the reproach of any people when the righteous perish, and no man regardeth it. How much greater is the criminal ingratitude of those who see without deep and heart-felt grief, a standard-bearer fall, and a captain of the Lord’s host perish while leading on his soldiers amid thick falling arrows of death, and exposed to the wily ambush of the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Ministers are set in the fore-front of danger and of duty for the defence of the Gospel, and for the guidance and greatest glory of their compatrioted followers. They are a spectacle to the world, to angels, to spiritual wickedness in high places, and to the powers of the air, in the invisible regions of

space. They are ignored as nothing in the world by many who esteem themselves great ones. They are hated and despised by others. They are foolish babblers and idle paupers to others. They are, generally speaking, kept poor by all; and while imparting heavenly riches and terrestrial blessings, they are left to live poor amidst abounding wealth, comfortless amid luxurious refinement, careworn, anxious, unassisted by books, uncheered by sympathy, unrelieved by those given them as helps and governments, and unappreciated in their most faithful zeal and most self-sacrificing earnestness by those whose hearts ought to beat in unison with theirs, and whose bold and open co-operation would make them mighty through God to the humbling of the haughtiest, the conviction of the careless, and the conversion of the most inimical to God.

How meet and comely is it then in his fellow-servants, the ministers of the sanctuary, and the elders of the churches, and the Israel of God, to raise their lamentations when the fathers are taken and the mighty are cut down, and when some great or greatly good man has fallen in Israel.

Such was the Rev. Reuben Post, D. D., who has recently fallen a victim to the peculiarly malignant epidemic which has, during the last summer, so destroyed the hopes and desolated the homes of Charleston. For the long period of twenty-two years, Dr. Post was the angel of the church, now known as the Circular, and which for nearly two centuries has been as a city set on a hill, or rather as a bright and morning star of pure and undefiled Gospel light, amid the twilight darkness of what is now our whole Southern and South-western Zion. Here great and good men have preached, and here many of the great and good men of their generation, the patriots, and legislators, and leaders of the people, have worshipped God in the beauty of holiness, and after serving their generation according to the will of God, have died in faith—have become inheritors of the promises, and, as a great cloud of witnesses, now surround their living representatives.

Dr. Post was characterized by simplicity, earnestness, and affectionateness of manner; by doctrinal soundness in the faith; by great unction of spirit; by ardent zeal and consuming anxiety for the salvation of souls; by an importunate pleading prayerfulness; by great faithfulness and boldness in his exhortations to sinners and his appeals to Christians; by assiduous pastoral and personal visitation and wayside preaching; by a truly catholic,

evangelical spirit and a hearty union in all the great benevolent enterprises of our age ; by a peace-loving and tender heart, which led him always to avoid controversy and debate, to keep aloof from strife, and to sympathise with all whom he regarded as unkindly or ungenerously treated. He was, therefore, eminently a son of consolation, a comforter of all that mourn ; pitiful, courteous, condescending, and willing to become all things to all men, that he might win them to Christ ; he had his failings, but even his "failings leaned to virtue's side," and whatever any man ever thought of him, no one ever knew him, who was not led to love and reverence him as a sincere, devoted, spiritual and holy man of God.

"Servant of God, well done ;
Rest from thy loved employ ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

"The voice at midnight came ;
He started up to hear ;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame,
He fell, but felt no fear.

"Tranquil amid alarms,
It found him on the field,
A veteran slumbering on his arms,
Beneath his red-cross shield.

"The pains of death are past ;
Labor and sorrow cease ;
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

"Soldier of Christ, well done ;
Praise be thy new employ ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

Be it therefore

Resolved, That this Minute be spread upon our Records ; that it be published in the Southern Presbyterian, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the proper authority in the Circular Church, with the assurance of the heartfelt sympathy of this Synod in their great loss, and in their deep affliction ; and of its union with them in earnest prayer, that the Lord who gave, and who has taken away, will comfort them in all times of their sorrow and bereavement, and speedily provide them with a pastor

after his own heart, in whom they may again be united, revived, built up, and perpetuated as a faithful and flourishing Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Girardeau, from the Synod's Committee of Domestic Missions, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee of Domestic Missions would beg leave to report :

That they deem it unadvisable at this time, to do more in the discharge of the duty assigned them by the Synod, than simply to furnish information as to the Domestic Missionary operations of the respective Presbyteries.

The whole amount contributed in the bounds of S. C. Presbytery to the cause of Domestic Missions, for the year, is \$1,205.47. This amount is mainly disbursed among 7 ministers, who, having charge of small churches, undertake in addition to their regular duties, to perform missionary work in the adjacent country. Five out of these 7 receive \$150 each. Thirteen feeble churches and 2 missionary stations receive aid from the Domestic Missionary Committee; \$450 are expended in Pickens District; \$300 in Anderson District; \$200 in Greenville District, and \$50 in Abbeville District.

The Presbytery have entertained doubts as to the question whether their mode of doing their missionary works indicated above be the best. And it is now seriously in contemplation to change the plan and employ a competent Evangelist to discharge the duty, and pay him a respectable salary.

The prospects for an increase of interest throughout the bounds of the Presbytery, in the cause of Domestic Missions, are represented as exceedingly encouraging. Never before has there existed a state of feeling on this subject so decided and enthusiastic.

The total amount reported as contributed in the bounds of Bethel Presbytery for the year, is \$317.00. The whole of this amount is remitted to the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions. During the year no Domestic Missionary has been statedly employed in the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Harmony, during the past year, has been fortunate in having the services of the Rev. T. R. English, as Evangelist, who has devoted himself with great zeal and very encouraging success to the labors of his office. His salary is paid from the Domestic Missionary Fund. It is with pleasure we learn

that the Presbytery contemplates securing the services of another Evangelist, so as to have two in their missionary field.

Vacant churches are urged by the Evangelist, in his visits to them, to exert themselves in obtaining the services of a regular pastor and not to remain content with an unsettled and irregular condition.

The labors of the Evangelist are principally devoted to points at which no organized churches exist. In the prosecution of his work in these destitute places, he has met with great encouragement, and the hope is entertained that ere long regularly organized churches will spring up in many of them.

To one feature in the conduct of the Domestic Missionary work by Harmony Presbytery, the Committee would call the special attention of Synod. A regular monthly meeting of the Committee of Domestic Missions is held, at which time a whole day is entirely devoted to a careful consideration of the work entrusted to them and their plan of operations matured. The Committee are of opinion that a similar course pursued, where practicable, in all our Presbyteries, would be accompanied with the same noble results as attend the faithful devotion of Harmony Presbytery to this blessed cause. Already, as the Synod knows, has this Presbytery achieved great things in the home field. She is extending her operations in it, and is determined to do yet more to rescue the destitute parts of her territory from the curse attending ignorance of the Gospel of Christ. And as a consequence of the course pursued by the Presbytery, our church is increasing her influence and is beginning to be known and respected throughout the whole field lying within its bounds.

The stated Fall Meeting of the Charleston Presbytery has not yet taken place, and no action of that body later than the Spring Meeting can now be reported. At the meeting last Fall, resolutions were adopted contemplating the raising of an amount from the churches, sufficient to employ an Evangelist in the bounds of the Presbytery. At the Spring Meeting nothing materially contributing to that result was reported as having been done by the churches. The heart of the Presbytery is set upon it; but peculiar difficulties lie in the way of achieving it. There are only 13 churches in the Presbytery, and the strongest of these—the churches in Charleston and Columbia—have hitherto devoted the bulk of their Domestic Missionary contributions to the support of

two Missions, one in Charleston—the Anson-street Mission—and the other near Columbia. It would involve a heavy drain upon the resources of the feeble country churches, should they assume the chief part of the responsibility of raising an Evangelist's salary. The hope, however, of still securing the end aimed at, is not abandoned. The Domestic Missionary Committee of the Presbytery express a determination to make further and more assiduous efforts to obtain the services of an Evangelist in their destitute fields.

The total amount contributed to the cause of Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Presbytery—as reported in the Spring—was \$3,049.

On the whole, the Committee rejoice to believe that the interest in this noble cause is advancing steadily, in all the Presbyteries, and that the day is not far distant when Evangelists will be employed in all our Presbyterian limits, and no waste places disfigure the face of our territory.

The Committee cannot close this brief and exceedingly imperfect statement without gratefully bringing to the notice of Synod the fact that attention to the spiritual wants of the colored population, is manifestly on the increase in the bounds of all the Presbyteries. The Mission in Charleston, which has been supported in that city with great liberality, is in an encouraging condition. The blessed Redeemer has smiled most graciously upon it, and, as from the blackest stuff in the bowels of the earth, the fairest and most costly gem is elaborated, so from the dark sons of Ham, has He, through His grace, elected many a jewel which shall shine conspicuously in His mediatorial diadem.

On motion of Mr. McWhorter, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Education be continued.

On motion of Mr. W. Baird, it was .

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Sumter, for the kindness and hospitality with which they have entertained its members during its present session; also, to the several Railroad Companies which have afforded facilities in passing to and from the same; and that the Pastor of this church communicate this expression of our gratitude through some convenient channel.

On motion of Mr. McCormick, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. McBryde for his sermon on Foreign Missions; and that he be

requested to place it in the hands of the Executive Committee for publication.

The Minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Bishop, Synod then adjourned with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction, to meet at the Presbyterian Church in Columbia on Wednesday before the last Sabbath of October, 1859.

T. L. McBRYDE, *Moderator*.

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, *Stated Clerk*.

T. A. HOYT, *Temporary Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE

Of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, October, 1858.

In preparing their annual statement of the religious condition of the churches, the Synod of South Carolina would gratefully acknowledge that this has been a year of better days. Barrenness and despondency have been passing away, and light, in somewhat larger measure, has arisen upon the land.

The dispensation of His blessings, by the heavenly Comforter, is effected at different times in diverse manners. It is sometimes His will to break forth like the sun from summer clouds in sudden effulgence; sometimes He connects our blessings minutely and palpably with specific individual efforts. In the year, now closed, His operations have been likened rather to the rising of the tide. Heavenly attractions have lifted the universal heart; lands, long dry, have been filled with moisture, and the sweet waters of life have flowed faster from many sacred springs. It is the declaration of all our Presbyteries that a spirit of prayer has pervaded the church: supplication, as a gift of the Holy Ghost, has been poured out upon us, more than in previous years. And it should be recorded here, as it has been already, in many other regions, that revival has connected itself signally with social prayer. The labors of our lay members have, in frequent instances, been remarkably blessed. And it is to be hoped that one happy consequence of these works will be the removal of one most constant and lamentable delinquency from our people—that spirit of false shame, that unconsciousness of responsibility for personal effort after the salvation of men, which has often thrown almost the whole burden of spiritual effort upon the hands of our Ministers. The day when “he that heareth shall everywhere say, Come!”—the

day when every Christian shall heartily accept that office of missionary which the Captain of our salvation unquestionably lays upon us all—that day will, indeed, be a harvest of fruit and glory to the Church, and to the Head of the Church.

Upon our chief city, in the midst of her afflictions, a large blessing has been bestowed. A prayer meeting, begun in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, and removed, as the increasing attendance demanded, to a larger room, finally filled the most capacious church in Charleston to overflowing, for many successive days. At the same time, larger and more solemn audiences began to gather in the churches: inquirers were drawn out to meetings, or sought the private counsel of their Pastors. The period of convictions varied greatly in different cases, but there were many instances of sudden, rapid and signal transformation. And there was but little abatement in the general interest up to the time when the exhaustion of the Ministers compelled them first to diminish, and then to suspend their efforts and seek, in other places, a restoration of strength.

Large displays of the Spirit's power and goodness have befallen numerous churches in different parts of the State; but they have not been so described in the Presbyterian Narratives as to admit even of mention here. But we would most thankfully record the grace that has visited some of the schools and colleges with which we are (more or less directly) connected. Orangeburg and Yorkville, Davidson and Oglethorpe, and at least one school in Charleston, under the care of one of our number, have thus been blessed.

It is a natural consequence of the greater prosperity just spoken of, that all the functions of the spiritual body have been better discharged. Peace has rested upon the churches; mutual confidence and good-will have been strengthened, or restored; the ties of Christian brotherhood have been drawn; pastoral relations have grown more tender and more dear. Missionary labor has been rendered fruitful; some new churches have been founded, and some that had long been declining, are beginning once more to flourish. Sunday-Schools are the almost universal accompaniment of the church, and some purely mission-schools are sustained and have accomplished good.

The interest taken in our greatest Evangelistic labor—the preaching glad tidings to the colored people—increases steadily. The relation of this vast mass of the poor, the ignorant, and the dependent to the religious bodies, entrusted with the care of their

souls is, doubtless, the chief question of which the answer is demanded of the Southern Church. And, in the absence of any perfected and acknowledged theory upon the subject, we look to these prayerful, constant, multifarious efforts for their good, as the mighty induction on which that discovery is, at last, to be based, and by which the beautiful system of our labors is to be consummated.

Contributions to benevolent and religious purposes have, on the whole, increased; and, in consideration of the financial embarrassments of the year, this fact must be taken as encouragement. But we cannot withhold the confession that here, especially, we come short of our duty; and that nothing less than unshrinking, long-continued faithfulness of Pastors and Sessions, will fasten that habit of systematic self-sacrifice upon our whole body, which the conversion of the world, our own sanctification and the will of our great King, imperatively demand.

Sorrows and afflictions have not been wanting to the eventful annals of the year. A venerable and beloved Pastor, an aged father in Israel, has sacrificed his life to his convictions of duty, and exchanged his course of pain and faithful toil, for its unutterable rewards. One holy and beautiful house has been burned with fire. Pestilence has walked alike, at noonday and in the darkness, through the streets of Charleston, and swept hundreds of the people into sudden death. But we trust that we have learned the wisdom and goodness of our Heavenly Father, too well to murmur at His dispensations, or to be discouraged by His chastenings. "Yea, though we walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, we will fear no evil, for Thou art with us."

Another year of duty and event is already casting its shadows upon us; but looking in all humility to Him whose mercy has held us up thus far, and by whom our weakness is made strong, we would take up again the happy cross of Christian toil, and follow our Lord.

T. L. McBRYDE, *Moderator*.

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MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, S. C., May 25-27, 1858.

CHAPEL OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, }
Tuesday, May 25, 1858, 8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, in the Chapel of the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M., when the President, Hon. T. C. Perrin, took the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with prayer, by Dr. McBryde.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present :

MINISTERS.

J. L. Kirkpatrick, D D.
S. H. Hay,
George C. Gregg,
T. Smyth, D. D.
J. B. Adger, D. D.
John Douglas,
T. L. McBryde, D. D.
R. K. Porter.

LAYMEN.

Dr. J. W. Simpson,
H. Muller,
J. A. Crawford,
Hon. T. C. Perrin,
J. A. Inglis,
A. Crawford.

The report of the Faculty was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of T. Smyth, J. L. Kirkpatrick, and J. W. Simpson.

The President announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, to-wit :

Audits.—R. K. Porter, John Douglas, J. A. Crawford.

Ways and Means.—J. A. Inglis, H. Muller, S. H. Hay.

Buildings.—John Douglas, S. H. Hay, J. A. Crawford.

Library—Laws and Regulations.—J. L. Kirkpatrick, T. Smyth, T. L. McBryde, J. B. Adger, A. Crawford.

Reports of the Investing Committees of the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Treasurer's account, were presented and referred to the Committee on Audits.

A Memorial was presented from Rev. R. H. Morrison, in reference to some more efficient plan for rendering pecuniary aid to Candidates for the Ministry, which memorial was referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

The Board resolved, as such, to attend the examination of the students in the Seminary.

The Board then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Leland.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Board met in Dr. Howe's recitation room, and was opened with prayer by Dr. Kirkpatrick.

Rev. W. Banks and James K. Douglas appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Messrs. W. Flinn and P. E. Bishop rendered satisfactory reasons for being absent from the present meeting.

The Board recessed from business, and adjourned to the Chapel to attend the examination of the students.

Upon the close of the examination for the forenoon, the Board resumed business.

The Committee on Audits submitted their report on the Treasurer's account, and the reports of the Investing Committees of South Carolina and Georgia; said papers being found in order, were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Executive Committee submitted their report, which was referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

Dr. J. W. Simpson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the body.

A communication was received from the Society of Inquiry, tendering an invitation to the body to attend the public exercises of the Society in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, this evening at 8½ o'clock, which invitation was accepted.

The following officers of the Board were elected for the ensuing year, to wit:

HON. T. C. PERRIN, *President*,

REV. JOHN DOUGLAS, *Vice-President*,

REV. G. C. GREGG, *Secretary*,

A. CRAWFORD, *Treasurer*.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was appointed to be delivered in the Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening at 8½ o'clock.

The Board then had a recess until after the public exercises of the Society of Inquiry this evening in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church.

LECTURE ROOM OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, }
10 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Buildings presented the following Report which was adopted, viz:

The Committee report that they have discharged the duty assigned them—there being no report from the Standing Building Committee on any thing they may have done, or may feel necessary to have done. Your Committee see much which they think should be done, so soon as the funds of the Institution will warrant

it; but are not fully prepared to make the recommendation at this time. It would be very desirable to see the enclosure surrounded with a suitable fence, either iron or substantial wood; but, as the funds are not now available, they only recommend that the centre building be white-washed throughout, and the wood work on the lower floor, including Chapel, old Library and Recitation Rooms, be painted. The Committee further recommend that the Standing Building Committee be authorized to have lightning rods erected for the protection of the Seminary buildings.

Rev. W. Flinn was appointed to preach the next annual sermon before the Board, and Rev. R. K. Porter his alternate.

Rev. S. Donnelly appeared and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Sermon before the Board be delivered on the first evening of its sessions.

After prayer by the Rev. J. Douglas, the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

DR. HOWE'S RECITATION ROOM, }
Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock. }

The Board met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Douglas. The Board then adjourned to the Chapel to attend the examination of the students.

At 12 o'clock M. the Board resumed business in Dr. Howe's Recitation Room, when the Committee of Ways and Means submitted the following Report which was adopted, to wit:

The Committee of Ways and Means have examined the papers referred to them, and upon the several matters suggested thereby, report:

1. The investment of the funds belonging severally to the earlier Professorships, continues as at the date of the last Annual Meeting, with a single important exception, in the case of the Georgia Professorship, as will be seen on a comparison of the tabular statements now submitted, with those of last year. The income yielded by these several funds for the past year has been—

The South Carolina Professorship..... \$2,179.50

The Georgia Professorship.....2,055.11

The Third Professorship.....2,630.90

The amounts of these several funds and the manner of their

investment, will be seen upon inspection of the tabular statements.

2. Since the last Annual Meeting there has been collected of subscriptions to the fund for the endowment of the Fourth Professorship, the sum of \$9,962.43, of which \$1,840.00 have been invested in State Bonds, and \$7,155.96 are in the Treasurer's hands awaiting a favorable opportunity for investment in good stocks. An early investment is desirable, and this the Committee, charged with the duty, hope to be able to effect. The sum of \$9,600.02, part of this fund, is in the hands of Messrs. James Adger & Co., as an interest-bearing deposit. There remains of the subscriptions yet uncollected, a nominal sum of about \$4,000, which, it is supposed, will not yield actually more than \$1,000. The corpus or capital of this fund may therefore be represented as follows:

1. Investment in Stocks, Bonds, &c.....	\$16,753.00
2. Deposited in hands of Messrs. Adger & Co.....	9,600.02
3. In Treasurer's hands to be invested.....	7,155.96
4. Subscriptions yet to be collected.....	1,000.00

Making a total of.....\$34,502.98

The income yielded by the funds invested on account of this Professorship for the past year, has been as follows:

Dividends on investments in stocks, &c.....	\$1,101 00
Interest on balance in hands of J. Adger & Co.....	623 64

Making a total of.....\$1,724 64

The expenses have been for the salary of Dr. Thorn-

well.....	\$2,500 00
Insurance on Smyth Library.....	268 31

Making a total of...\$2,768 31

It will, therefore, appear that from the collections made of the original amount subscribed, which properly constituted the corpus of this fund, the sum of \$1,043.67 has been withdrawn in order to meet the current expenses chargeable on this fund. The subscriptions having been made, as is supposed, for the *endowment* of this Professorship, such a diversion of any portion of it seems to be a departure from its original purpose, which must be regretted. Yet the Committee do not see how it could have been avoided. It should be remembered, however, that the collections consist probably in part of interest on the amounts originally subscribed.

To whatever extent this is so, the application now referred to is clearly justifiable. The Committee have not the means of separating between principal and interest in these collections. This process of reduction will, however, if continued, be fatal to the fund. A small increase of the subscription, say to the sum of \$36,000, that is only some \$1,500 more than the present amount, would arrest this process by rendering it unnecessary.

3. The Treasurer's Report exhibits the receipts and expenditures on the general account of the Institution for the year. The receipts exceed the expenditures by about \$100, so that the balance due the Treasurer is reduced that much. The only source, besides the permanent investments, from which any part of this income has been derived, has been the Bond of Mr. Law, the last instalment of which is now paid. The expenditures have been for salaries of three Professors and the Hebrew Tutor, \$7,187.50, for Insurance on Buildings and Library, and Salary of Librarian, \$249.75, and for Incidental Expenses \$594.40. The regular annual expenditures for the last purpose cannot be reasonably expected to be less than from \$500 to \$1,000. The only source of income for the year now to begin, known to the Committee, in addition to the interests, &c. of the Permanent Investments, is the legacy of Mrs. Hopkins, to wit: \$1,000.

From all the foregoing it will be seen that the regular annual expenses of the Seminary, and the means in hand to meet them, may be represented as follows:

<i>Expenses</i> —Salaries of four Professors. . . .	\$9,750 00
Insurance on Buildings, Li-	
brary, say.	500 00
Incidental expenses.	750 00—\$11,000 00
<i>Means</i> —Income of four Professorships. . . .	9,250 00

Leaving a deficiency of means for ordinary expenses of \$1,750 00

The actual annual need of supplemental means will probably be greater than these figures express, as it must be that in almost every year repairs will be required in order to the preservation of the corporate property and to the comfort of the Professors, Teachers and Students. An annual contribution by the Churches of some \$2,500 to \$3,000, gathered by regular collections, would seem to be an adequate source from which to seek this supply. And what is this among so many, more especially when yielded to Him who is able to return it multiplied a thousand fold in bless-

ings? It is better that the Seminary should feel its constant dependence, to some extent at least, upon the approving judgment of the Churches and the Christian people. It is better that the churches and people should have occasion to cultivate an habitual regard for the Seminary as an object of their care. Your Committee are of the opinion that this contribution would be readily rendered upon proper application to the several Church Sessions.

4. Liabilities for the year to come and the means to meet them, are :

<i>Liabilities</i> —Salaries of four Professors....	\$8,500 00	
Salary of Hebrew Tutor.....	1,250 00	
Insurance, and salary of Librarian.....	500 00	
Incidental expenses, say....	750 00	
Balance due Treasurer.....	1,852 76	—\$12,852 76
<i>Means</i> —Income of four Professorships, say.....	9,250 00	
Legacy of Mrs. Hopkins.....	1,000 00	—\$10,250 00

Leaving a balance of.....\$2,602 76

The necessity of an application to the Church to meet this deficiency, as well as of annual collections hereafter, your Committee are of opinion should be pressed upon the attention of the Synods. The Committee beg to renew the several recommendations contained in the report submitted by their predecessors, your Committee, of last year, as having lost none of their force from lapse of time, or not having been rendered no longer necessary by compliance.

The Comitée on the Report of the Faculty, presented the following report, which was adopted, viz :

The Committee would recommend that the report of the Faculty be approved and embodied in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Synod, as containing a clear and full exhibition of the internal condition of the Seminary.

The Committee examined the minutes of the weekly meetings of the Faculty, and have found in them most gratifying evidence of the attention bestowed by the members of the Faculty to the duties of their office respectively, and to all the interests of the Institution.

On the whole, the state of the Seminary as respects the number

of students, their Christian deportment and diligence in study, as well as other particulars, furnishes occasion of devout gratitude to all the friends of the Institution and of our Southern Zion.

The Committee on the Library, Laws and Regulations, submitted their report, pending the discussion of which the Board took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met, when the unfinished business of the morning was postponed for a time.

James K. Douglass obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the body

The following Standing Committees were appointed, to wit :

Executive Committee—J. B. Adger, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. A. Crawford, A. Crawford, Charles Beck, Dr. J. McFadden Gaston, Col. C. R. Bryce.

Investing Committee for the State of Georgia—James W. Davis, George M. Thew.

Investing Committee for the State of South Carolina—J. A. Crawford, A. Crawford.

Standing Building Committee—Geo. Howe, D. D., A. W. Leland, D. D., J. A. Crawford, C. Beck, C. R. Bryce, John S. Scott, H. Muller.

The Board adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board express its regret that the Standing Building Committee have not submitted a report to this body for the last few years, and hope said Committee will hereafter punctually submit their report.

On motion—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Sumter, on the evening of the first Thursday of the sessions of the Synod of South Carolina, to attend to the inauguration of Rev. John B. Adger, D. D., as Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., was appointed to deliver an address to the Professor elect at the time of said inauguration, and Rev. E. T. Buist, D. D., his alternate.

The salary of Mr. James Cohen, Hebrew Tutor, was fixed for the ensuing year, at \$1,500, beginning the first of October next.

The following Minute was adopted as the Report of the Board to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, touching the examination of the students, viz :

The Board having, during its sessions, attended the examination of the various classes in the Seminary, on some parts of their course, though not so constantly as would be desirable, or, perhaps, as duty required, would express to the Synods their judgment, that the students, generally, manifest fair progress and considerable attainment in their studies; yet there are individual exceptions, to which the attention of the Faculty is hereby called, with a suggestion that there may arise cases in which the constitutional powers of the Faculty, to secure the end of the Seminary course of study, ought to be called into exercise.

The unfinished business of the forenoon was resumed, pending the consideration of which, the Board took a recess, to meet in the Presbyterian Church, at 8½ o'clock, P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 8½ o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and listened to the Annual Sermon, delivered by Rev. W. C. Dana. After which, the unfinished business of the afternoon was taken up, viz : the report of the Committee on the Library, Laws and Regulations, which, upon amendment, was adopted and is as follows, to-wit :—

1. *Library.*

Upon an inspection of the rooms occupied by the Books, we have been gratified with the neatness and order with which every thing is arranged and kept. The numbering and labelling of the books, commenced before the last meeting of the Board, have been completed, and some progress has been made in the preparation of a catalogue. This last is an undertaking requiring time, labor and special care, in order that it may be well done. We recommend that it be continued until completed, under the direction of the Faculty.

Since the last report seventy-one volumes have been added to the Library, nineteen of them being a donation from Dr. Smyth, and the remainder from the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

2. *The overture of the Synod of Alabama.*

By reference to the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board, it will be seen that a proposition was made to the Synod of Alabama, at its meeting, last fall, to "adopt this Seminary as its own," and exercise joint and equal rights and privileges in its management with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia. This proposition was concurred in by the Synods last named, and was cordially accepted by the Synod of Alabama. A communication from a Committee of that Synod, conveying the action of the body touching this subject, is hereby submitted as a part of this report.

Communication from the Synod of Alabama.

"SELMA, ALABAMA, January 2, 1857.

"*To the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina.*

"DEAR BRETHREN:—The Synod of Alabama, at their last Sessions, appointed the undersigned as a Committee to communicate to you the following resolutions, adopted by them, in reference to the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, South Carolina, viz :

"1. That this Synod cordially accept the proposition communicated by Dr. Kirkpatrick, from the Synod of South Carolina, and contained in his instructions from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, South Carolina; and that this Synod will, and do hereby, adopt that Seminary as their own, and place its name among those of the institutions which they call 'ours,' and which they are to cherish and care for, support, help, and encourage *as their own*.

"2. That a Committee be appointed to communicate the action of this Synod to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, and to the Executive Committee above named, and in co-operation with them, to complete the union now proposed, and to report at the next meeting of this Synod.

"3. That in the opinion of this Synod, this Seminary is now more worthy of patronage and support than it ever has been, and they earnestly recommend that all Theological Students in their bounds should avail themselves of its eminent advantages.

"4. That the Executive Committee above named be encouraged and invited to raise funds in this Synod for the complete endowment of the Seminary in such ways and at such times as may be

thought best, on consultation with the Committee, to be appointed under the second resolution above.

“5, That the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, laid before this body by Dr. Kirkpatrick, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

“6. That a Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary be added to the Standing Committee of this Synod, to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to that Institution.”

It gives us great pleasure to lay before you these Resolutions, and to assure you of the very great pleasure, and cordial unanimity with which they were adopted by the Synod of Alabama. The Synod felt that they were approaching the consummation of a long cherished hope, and about to find in your beloved and noble Seminary a bond to unite them more closely and firmly with their brethren of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

We are not aware that the duties devolved on us by the Synod of Alabama require any action on our part at present, further than to communicate to you, and the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, the foregoing Resolutions. We will be gratified to have you point out any thing which it may be proper to do hereafter to complete the proposed union on our part; and we will endeavor promptly and cheerfully to cooperate with you in the duty assigned us by the fourth Resolution.

Permit us in conclusion to invoke the Divine favor on behalf of your Seminary, and to subscribe ourselves with great respect,

Your servants in our Lord,

A. A. PORTER,	} Committee.
C. A. STILLMAN,	
G. H. W. PETRIE.	

The acceptance of the overture by the Synod of Alabama here referred to, will, probably, render it necessary to obtain from the Legislature of the State an amendment of the Charter of the Seminary, in which view we recommend that the Board now appoint some person or persons to examine into the matter, and prepare a draught of the alterations which will be required, to admit the above Synod to an equal participation with the other two Synods in the government of the Institution. We further recommend that the President of the Board be instructed to give the proper notice of an application to be made to the Legislature for the amendment to the Charter here contemplated, and to take

whatever other steps may be necessary to accomplish the object in view.

In anticipation of such a union being formed with the Synod of Alabama, and possibly also with other Synods in the Southwest, the question of making a change in the mode prescribed in the Constitution for the election of Professors, has already received some attention in the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia. It appears to be generally agreed that some change will be highly desirable, if not absolutely necessary. The Synod of Georgia at its last meeting resolved to submit to the Synod of South Carolina a proposition to this effect, viz: "That the election of Professors shall be made by Electors chosen by the several Synods united in the support and control of the Seminary, the Synods respectively reserving the right of confirming the said election." We suggest that the Board recommend to the Synod of South Carolina to accede to the proposition of the Synod of Georgia on this subject. We also suggest, that a Committee be now appointed by the Board to draw up and present at the first meetings of the Synods a scheme for the conduct of all election to Professorships, to become, when adopted by those bodies, a part of the Constitution of the Seminary, and that the said scheme embrace, with other necessary provisions, the following particulars, viz:

1. The members of the Board of Directors be ex-officio members of the Board of Electors.

2. Each Synod appoint annually additional Electors to the number of one-third of the Directors belonging to the same; that is to say, seven Electors from each Synod, of whom four shall be Ministers and three Ruling Elders.

3. Twenty-one of the Electors being duly met together at the time and place appointed, shall constitute a quorum, provided that at least three shall be from each Synod.

4. The President of the Board of Directors, or in his absence or death, the Vice-President, be empowered to call a meeting of the Board of Electors within a period of not less than two nor more than four months after the occurrence of a vacancy in a Professorship, for the purpose of filling the vacancy—the call to be made by letters addressed to the Electors individually, as well as by notice in the public journals circulating most extensively among the Ministers and churches of the several Synods.

5. The place for the assembling of the Electoral College be in some central position, such as at Atlanta or Macon, Georgia.

3. *The Support of Students.*

In reference to the memorial presented to the Board on the subject of the support of Theological students, we submit the following Resolution to the consideration of the Board :

Resolved, That until permanent provision shall be made for this purpose, the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to solicit contributions from the Churches to be applied by them, as during the past year, according to their discretion, in supplementing the means furnished by the scholarships for the support of needy students, as well as providing the entire expenses of other needy students not on the Scholarships.

In view of the proposed union with the Synod of Alabama, Messrs. J. A. Inglis and A. Crawford, were appointed a Committee to ascertain what, if any, change was necessary in the Charter of the Seminary.

In anticipation of said union the following Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the Seminary adapted to the change proposed, viz :

Rev. Drs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, J. B. Adger, T. Smyth, J. H. Thornwell.

The President was authorized to ascertain if there existed a Corporation Seal of the Seminary, and if none existed, to procure a seal for the use of the Corporation.

The thanks of the Board were tendered Rev. W. C. Dana for the appropriate sermon delivered by him this evening.

The Board then adjourned, to meet in Sumter on Thursday evening, during the Sessions of Synod in the Presbyterian Church.

Closed with prayer.

T. C. PERRIN, *President.*

G. C. GREGG, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina,
Georgia and Alabama, May 27th, 1858.*

I.—RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

	DR.	CR.
By Balance due Treas'r per last yr's acc't		\$1,957 11
“ Rev. Jas. Cohen, Salary to 1st July next		1,187 50
“ Dr. Leland, “ “ April last		2,000 00
“ Dr. Howe, “ “ “		2,000 00
“ Dr. Adger, “ “ “		2,000 00
“ G. H. Coit, Salary in full as Librarian		42 25
“ G. H. Coit, arranging Library and Expenses.....		244 87
“ Insurance on Buildings and old Library		207 50
“ E. R. Stokes, for Binding... ..		25 75
“ A. R. Philips, Coal for Library Room		7 00
“ I. C. Morgan, Printing Catalogues. .		73 50
“ E. H. Britton, “ Blank Notes.		3 50
“ T. S. Peggot, Advertising for Boarding		6 90
“ South Carolinian, “ “		5 25
“ New York Observer, “ “		27 20
“ St. Louis Presbyterian, “ “		7 00
“ Premium on Bank Check.....		50
“ Dr. Adger's Expenses to Synod of Georgia.....		13 85
“ Dr. Howe's Expenses to Synod of Mississippi.....		75 73
“ Dr. Thornwell's Expenses to Synod of Mississippi.....		100 00
“ Postage, Stationery, Window Glass..		2 75
“ Nephew Scholarship, to Education acc't		175 00
To Interest & Dividend on S. C. Professorship	\$2,599 50	
“ “ Third “	2,210 90	
“ “ Georgia “	2,500 00	
To Mrs. Law, in full for her Bond.....	1,000 00	
To Balance to Credit side?.....	1,852 76	
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	\$10,163 16	\$10,163 16
Balance due Treasurer.....		1,852 76

II.—INVESTMENT OF SO. CA. PROFESSORSHIP.

202	Shares	Stock of Commercial Bank of Columbia...	\$ 5,050 00
80	"	" Bank of Charleston, old issue....	8,000 00
9	"	" " " new issue...	450 00
52	"	Exchange Bank, Columbia.....	1,300 00
26	"	Farmers' and Exchange Bank, Charleston	650 00
100	"	Stock, Columbia Bridge Company.....	10,000 00
J. R. Wilson and Hugh Wilson's Bond.....			2,000 00
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			\$27,450 00

III.—INVESTMENT OF GEORGIA PROFESSORSHIP.

Joint Note of S. S. Davis and T. J. Davis.....	\$	900 00
“ “ “ Samuel Clarke.....		500,00
Note, Bones & Brown.....		4,085 00
“ T. S. Metcalf (secured by Bank Stock).		8,000 00
7 per cent. Bonds of Georgia R.R. & Banking Company		2,560 00
7 “ “ City of Augusta.....		500 00
7 “ “ Augusta and Savannah R. R. Co..		1,000 00
7 “ “ State of Georgia.....		2,500 00
8 “ “ Alabama and Florida R. R. Com- pany, Guarantied by Lagrange R. R. Co. and Montgomery and West Point R. R. Company }		3,000 00
30 Shares Stock in Georgia R. R. & Banking Company		2,955 00
50 “ “ Bank of Augusta.....		5,000 00
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	\$	31,000 00
Deduct Nephew's Scholarship, embraced above....		2,500 00
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	\$	28,500 00

IV.—INVESTMENT OF THIRD PROFESSORSHIP.

228	Shares	Stock, Bank Camden.....	\$11,575 54
297	“	Commercial Bank of Columbia...	8,613 00
32	“	Bank of Charleston, new issue...	1,368 00
33½	“	Farmers’ & Planters’ B’k, Baltm’e	833 33½
4	Bonds	Charlotte and So. Ca. R. R. Company...	2,000 00
6	“	Greenville and Columbia R. R. Company	3,000 00
Note of John and Harriet English.....			6,000 00
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			\$33,389 87½

V.—INVESTMENT OF FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.

32 Shares Stock, Bank of Georgetown.....	\$ 896 00
23 “ People’s Bank of South Carolina....	609 50
11 Bonds of the State of South Carolina, 6 per cent..	10,172 50
6 “ City of Savannah.....	4,325 00
15 Shares Washington and N. Orleans Telegraph Co..	750 00
Cash in hands of James Adger & Co., to the credit of John B. Adger, Chairman.....	9,600 02
Notes and Subscriptions in the hands of Treasurer, \$4,000.—Supposed value.....	1,000 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer awaiting investment.....	7,155 96
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	\$34,508 98

VI.—SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lanneau Scholarship,	
50 Shares Stock, Bank of South Carolina.....	\$2,250 00
2. Congregational and Presbyterian Scholarship,	
44 Shares Stock, Union Bank of South Carolina....	2,200 00
3. Telfair Timothy Scholarship,	
100 Shares Stock, People’s Bank, Charleston.....	2,500 00
4. Joseph Ellison Scholarship,	
92 Shares Stock, Commercial Bank, Columbia....	2,495 00
5. Fabian Scholarship,	
J. C. and J. Dunwody’s Bond and Mortgage.....	2,500 00
6. Nephew Scholarship,	
Invested in Georgia—mode not known.....	2,500 00
7. Blair’s Legacy, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 100 Shares Stock in Farmers’ and Planters’ Bank of Baltimore.....	1,666 66 $\frac{2}{3}$
20 Shares Stock, Farmers’ & Exchange B’k, Charl’n	500 00
33 “ Farmers’ & Planters’ B’k, Baltm’e	825 00
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	\$17,436 66 $\frac{2}{3}$

VII.—SUMMARY.

South Carolina Professorship.....	\$27,450 00
Georgia “ 	28,500 00
Third “ 	33,389 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fourth “ 	34,508 98
Scholarships.....	17,436 66
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Total.....	\$141,285 51 $\frac{1}{2}$

VIII.—CLAIMS ON TREASURY FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Balance due Treasurer	\$1,852 76
Salaries of Four Professors.....	8,500 00
Salary Hebrew Tutor....	1,500 00
Insurance on Building and Library, about.....	500 00
Incidental Expenses, say.....	750 00
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	\$13,102 76

IX.—RESOURCES TO MEET THESE CLAIMS.

Income of Four Professorships, say.....	\$9,250 00
Hopkins' Legacy.....	1,000 00
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	\$10,250 00
Deficit.....	\$2,852 76

X.—THE LIBRARY.

Since the last report, seventy-one volumes have been added to the Library, nineteen of them being a donation from Dr. Smyth, and the remainder from the Board of Publication of the Presbyterian Church. The numbering and labeling of the books, previously commenced, has been completed, and some progress made in the preparation of a Catalogue. The total number of volumes now in the Library, is 16,645, which are neatly arranged and preserved in good order.

XI.—THE BUILDINGS.

The lot upon which the Seminary Buildings are located should be enclosed with an iron or substantial wood fence, but there are no funds available for this purpose. The Board has ordered the centre Building to be white-washed throughout and the wood work on the lower floor to be painted. They have further authorised the Executive Committee to have lightning rods erected for the protection of the Buildings.

XII.—FACULTY REPORT.

The number of Students in attendance on the instructions of the Professors during the year, has been forty.

RESIDENT GRADUATES.

J. F. B. Mayes,
 Hugh M. Morrison,
 L. H. Parsons.

SENIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduates of</i>	<i>Candidates of</i>
S. E. Axson,	Oglethorpe University.	Charleston Presbytery.
G. H. Coit,	Amherst College,	" "
David Fairly,	Davidson "	Harmony "
W. F. Hall,	" "	Concord "
A. R. Liddell,	Oglethorpe University,	Flint River "
W. F. Pearson,	" "	South Carolina "
A. Pickens Smith,	" "	Charleston "
Theodore E. Smith,	" "	" "
James A. Walker,	Citadel Academy,	South Carolina "

MIDDLE CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduates of</i>	<i>Candidates of</i>
James C. Alexander,	Davidson College,	Concord Presbytery.
Robt. B. Anderson,	Nassau Hall,	
Robt. Bradley,	Oglethorpe University.	
J. De Will Burkhead,	Davidson College,	Concord "
John A. Danforth,	Oglethorpe University,	Charleston "
Henry R. Dickson,	Charleston College,	" "
James W. Gaillard,	University Mississippi.	Chickasaw "
Holmes L. Harvey,	Oglethorpe University.	
Henry F. Hoyt,	Franklin College.	
James C. Kennedy,		South Carolina "
Arch. McQueen.	Davidson College,	Fayetteville "
Arthur McD. Wrenn,	Nassau Hall,	
T. Dwight Witherspoon,	Mississippi University,	Charleston "

JUNIOR CLASS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Graduates of</i>	<i>Candidates of</i>
H. M. Brearley,	No. Ca. University,	
W. L. Curry,	Furman University,	
E. C. Davidson,	Mississippi University,	Chickasaw Presbytery.
T. L. DeVeaux,	Charleston College,	Harmony "
W. A. Gregg,	Oglethorpe University,	" "
Benj. T. Hunter,	" "	South Carolina "
D. W. Humphreys,	Davidson College,	" " "
D. E. McIntyre,	Oglethorpe University,	Harmony "
Francis P. Mullaly,		
J. R. Riley,	South Carolina College,	South Carolina "
W. R. Stoddard,	Erskine "	" " "
J. S. N. Thomas,	Davidson "	Concord "
J. L. Underwood,	Oglethorpe University,	
J. S. Millbanks,	Erskine College,	South Carolina. "

The studies of some five of these (including two of the resident graduates) have been interrupted by a failure of health, and other causes.

There has been a commendable degree of diligence in study, manifested by nearly all the students. The Faculty must report,

however, that, as usual, there has been some disposition to flag, manifested by a good many of the students, as the warm weather has come on.

The state of religious feeling among the students has been gratifying. A very lively sympathy seemed to be felt with the great awakening which has been experienced all over the land. Our young brethren established, and for a considerable period kept up, (with the aid of the Professors and others,) a prayer meeting in the building known as "Kinsler's Hall," which was numerously attended and we hope edifying to many.

These extraordinary services, together with others carried on in the Presbyterian Lecture Room, occasioned some interruption in Rhetorical Exercises and Professors' Conference, which were, with this exception, kept up vigorously during most of the year.

The Faculty have had regular meetings as often as possible, on Mondays at 12 o'clock M., and the Minutes of those meetings are herewith presented to the Board as constituting part of our report.

XIII.—ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Constitution of the Seminary requires the Board to have a report of the annual examination of the students, and to "make a full written report of the state of the Seminary, at each stated meeting of the Synods." Under these requisitions the Board would report, that they attended the examination of the various classes in the Seminary, on some parts of their course, though not so constantly as would be desirable or perhaps as duty required. They would express to the Synods their judgment, that the students generally manifest fair progress and considerable attainments in their studies; yet there are individual exceptions, to which the attention of the Faculty is hereby called, with a suggestion that there may arise cases in which the constitutional powers of the Faculty to secure the end of the Seminary course of study ought to be called into exercise.

XIV.—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1. *Proposition to admit the Synod of Alabama to a joint control of the Seminary.*

The Executive Committee of the Board sent a proposition to the Synod of Alabama at its meeting last Fall, to "adopt this Semi-

nary as its own," and exercise joint and equal rights and privileges in its management with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia. In response to this proposition, the Synod of Alabama adopted the following resolutions, herewith submitted, viz :

"1. That this Synod cordially accept the proposition communicated by Dr. Kirkpatrick from the Synod of South Carolina, and contained in his instructions from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, South Carolina; and that this Synod will, and do hereby adopt that Seminary as their own, and place its name among those of the institutions which they call "ours," and which they are to cherish and care for, support, help and encourage *as their own.*"

"2. That a Committee be appointed to communicate the action of this Synod to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, and to the Executive Committee of the above named Board of Directors, and in co-operation with them to complete the union now proposed and to report at the next meeting of Synod."

"3. That in the opinion of this Synod, this Seminary is now more worthy of patronage and support than it ever has been, and they earnestly recommend that all Theological Students in their bounds should avail themselves of its eminent advantages."

"4. That the Executive Committee above named, be encouraged and invited to raise funds in this Synod for the complete endowment of the Seminary, in such ways and at such times as may be thought best, on consultation with the Committee, to be appointed under the second resolution above."

"5. That the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, laid before this body by Dr. Kirkpatrick, be printed in the Appendix to the minutes."

"6. That a Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary be added to the Standing Committees of this body, to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to that Institution."

It appears from the above resolutions that the Synod of Alabama has cordially assented to the proposition to participate in the support and control of the Seminary, when possessed of equal rights and privileges with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia. It now devolves upon the last named Synods to consummate the proposed union.

Anticipating the assent of the Synods to this extension of power of government to the Synod of Alabama, and presuming

that such an act may require some change in the charter, the Board has taken preliminary steps to meet such an exigency in the appointment of a Committee, of which J. A. Inglis, Esq., is Chairman, to inquire what change, if any, is requisite in the present charter. If it shall appear that an amendment of the charter is necessary, then the President of the Board is authorized to apply to the Legislature of the State of South Carolina for such amendment of the charter as may be required, after having given the notice of such proposed application.

The Synod of Georgia, at its last meeting, proposed to the Synod of South Carolina, 'that the election of Professors be made by electors chosen by the several Synods united in the support and control of the Seminary, the Synods respectively reserving the right of confirming said election,' If the proposed union with the Synod of Alabama shall be perfected, then some change in the present mode of election, as prescribed by the Constitution, must be made. The Board would recommend to the Synod of South Carolina to accede to the proposition of the Synod of Georgia, and to facilitate progress in this matter, the Board appointed a Committee of which Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick is Chairman, to report such changes in the Constitution as the above proposition would require. This Committee is restricted by the following provisions viz. :

1. That the members of the Board of Directors be ex-officio members of the Board of Electors.

2. That each Synod appoint annually, additional electors to the number of one-third of the Directors belonging to the same ; that is to say, seven Electors from each Synod, of whom four shall be Ministers and three Ruling Elders.

3. Twenty-one of the Electors being duly met together, at the time and place appointed, shall constitute a quorum, provided that at least three shall be from each Synod.

4. The President of the Board of Directors, or in his absence or death the Vice President, be empowered to call a meeting of the Board of Electors within a period of not less than two nor more than four months after the occurrence of a vacancy in a Professorship, for the purpose of filling the vacancy—the call to be made by letters addressed to the Electors individually, as well as by notice in the public journals circulating most extensively among the ministers and churches of the several Synods.

5. That the place for the assembling of the Electoral College,

be in some central position, such as at Atlanta or Macon, Georgia.

2. Inauguration of Dr. Adger.

The Board resolved to hold an adjourned meeting on Thursday evening, during the sessions of the Synod of South Carolina, in Sumter, to attend to the inauguration of Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., as Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity.

3. The following Directors go out of office at this time, whose places must be filled by a new election, to wit:—

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.

T. Smyth, D.D.,
John Douglas,
John B. Adger, D.D.,
T. L. McBryde, D.D.,

Laymen.

Prof. R. T. Brunby,
Andrew Crawford,
J. K. Douglass,

SYNOD OF GEORGIA.

Ministers.

Alonzo Church, D.D.,
N. A. Pratt, D.D.,
R. K. Porter,
I. S. K. Axson,

Laymen.

Hon. E. A. Nisbit,
J. J. Gresham,
Barrington King.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. GREGG, *Secretary.*

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY.

OFFICERS.

HON. E. A. NISBIT, *President.*

REV. C. W. LANE, *Secretary.*

J. J. GRESHAM, *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES IN GEORGIA—FOR THREE YEARS.

MINISTERS.

N. A. PRATT, D.D.,
J. R. WILSON, D.D.,
WILLIAM FLINN,

LAYMEN.

M. GRIEVE,
E. A. NISBIT,
R. H. RAMSEY.

FOR TWO YEARS.

MINISTERS.

W. M. CUNNINGHAM,
JAMES C. PATTERSON, D.D.,

LAYMEN.

W. MCKINLEY,
W. DUNCAN,
HON. J. H. LUMPKIN,
S. B. HUNTER.

FOR ONE YEAR.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
J. S. WILSON, D.D.,	D. C. CAMPBELL,
F. BOWMAN, D.D.,	J. J. GRESHAM,
J. F. LANNEAU,	GIDEON DOWSE.

TRUSTEES IN SOUTH CAROLINA—FOR THREE YEARS.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
G. HOWE, D.D.,	J. GILLAM,
T. SMYTH, D.D.,	S. CLARKE,
T. A. HOYT,	
J. L. GIRARDEAU.	

FOR TWO YEARS.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
J. L. KIRKPATRICK, D.D.,	DR. G. W. GLEN,
JOHN DOUGLAS,	DR. J. W. SIMPSON,
G. C. GREGG,	
A. F. DICKSON.	

TRUSTEES IN ALABAMA—FOR THREE YEARS.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
A. M. SMALL,	A. B. COOPER,
H. R. RAYMOND,	JAMES M. BUFORD,
F. McMURRAY,	S. B. PAIN.

FOR TWO YEARS.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
ROBERT NALL, D.D.,	JAMES D. WEBB,
A. B. McCORKLE,	J. G. S. WALKER,
C. A. STILLMAN,	WILLIAM S. SMITH.

FOR ONE YEAR.

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
R. C. SMITH,	W. B. BELL,
G. H. W. PETRIE,	JAMES M. CALHOUN,
R. B. WHITE,	JONA BLISS.

FACULTY.

Rev. S. K. Talmage, D.D., President, and Professor of Evidences of Christianity and Belles Lettres.

Rev. C. W. Lane, A.M., (South Carolina) Professor of Mathematics and Chemistry.

—————, Professor of Languages.

James Woodrow, A.M., Ph. D., Professor of Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Geology and Botany.

Rev. C. W. Lane, Secretary of Faculty and Librarian.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Of Oglethorpe University to the Synods of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University held at the Commencement in July last, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to prepare a Report to the Synods interested in the University upon its condition and prospects. In the execution of that trust the Committee submit to the Synods

I.—THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

By this Report of the financial condition of the University for the year ending in July last, it will appear that the salaries of the two officers dependent upon the funds in Georgia, have been promptly paid, and that the permanent invested fund of the Institution has been increased during the year thirty-five hundred dollars in bonds of the South Western Rail Road Company.

The salaries of the South Carolina and Witherspoon (Ala.) Professors are regularly paid, but of the condition of the funds under the management of the Synods in those States, the Board of Trustees is not advised, and are compelled to refer to the Minutes of the Synods for information on the subject.

The Board of Trustees regard it a matter for congratulation to the Synods of the three States, and the Churches under their care who have so long labored and prayed for the prosperity of the College, and so liberally contributed to its support, that it is so far placed upon a permanent basis, that the salaries of its officers are promptly paid from the income arising from their invested funds and tuition.

Since the last annual report very little change has been made in the condition of the funds belonging to either the Georgia and Florida, or to the Fourth Professorship, except that made by the collection and investment of thirty-five hundred dollars as before stated. A considerable portion of the uncollected subscriptions to the Fourth Professorship consists in subscriptions by some of the larger Churches in their corporate capacity. On these the interest,

with two or three exceptions, has been paid. It is earnestly desired that these Churches shall promptly pay the interest, as it is on this fund that we are dependent for the payment of the Professor's salary.

II.—COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

The Board of Trustees report the College buildings and dormitories to be in good repair. During the year two new dormitories have been built, thus adding to the former accommodations four new rooms. These dormitories are, however, neither attractive, permanent, nor pleasant, and the Board cannot too strongly urge upon the Synods, the importance, amounting almost to a necessity of building one or more substantial brick edifices for the accommodation of the increasing number of students, and we sincerely trust that some measures will be taken at the approaching meetings of the Synods to secure these buildings. The success and prosperity of the College depend, in a great degree, upon additional accommodations, if we would either attract students, or prevent their passage to more favored locations.

III.—REPORT OF THE FACULTY.

The Faculty report the number of students in actual attendance upon the College duties during the present year to have averaged about ninety-seven, and in the Preparatory Department about thirty.

The late Senior Class consisted of twenty-seven—the same number that were graduated last year. There have been several cases of discipline during the year, though the conduct of the students generally has been exemplary. It cheers the hearts of the Board to know that God has again during this year given the seal of His approbation upon the College by the out pouring of His Spirit, and a revival of his work among the students. Many of their number were hopefully converted, and we trust the effects of this gracious work will, for a long time, be felt.

The following members of the Board go out of office and their places must be filled.

GEORGIA.—*Ministers*—N. A. Pratt, D. D., Robert L. Breck, William Flinn. *Laymen*—M. Grieve, E. A. Nisbet and R. H. Ramsay.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—There was no election last year and the following vacancies are to be filled for two years: *Ministers*—J. L.

Kirkpatrick, D. D, M. D. Fraser, J. F. Gibert. *Laymen*—G. W. Glen, J. W. Simpson; and the following for three years : *Ministers*, George Howe, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., T. R. English, B. M. Palmer, D. D. *Laymen*—Jas. Gillam, S. Clarke.

ALABAMA.—*Ministers*—J. W. Pratt, A. A. Porter, F. McMurray. *Laymen*—D. Chandler, R. T. Nott, G. S. Walden.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. GRESHAM, }
E. A. NISBIT, } Committee, &c.

October 1, 1858.

*Statement of available notes given for South Carolina Professorship,
in Oglethorpe University, Ga.*

D. C. Watson, O. P. Daniel, and J. Cunningham, Ga.....	\$1,500
A. White, Sr.....	100
D. B. McLaurin.....	25
Rev. D. McQueen.....	100
J. A. Carnes.....	25
W. W. Wilson	25
T. M. Muldrow.....	30
Samuel Clarke.....	500
R. C. Gillam.....	50
Mount Zion Church, Middle Salem, S. C.—Dr. Ezra Green, James E. Wilson.....	200
G. W. Boggs.....	100
J. P. Macfie.....	100
Rock Presbyterian Church, Gillam Trustee.....	500
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	\$3,255

Interest on above notes at 7 per cent..... \$227 75

“ “ Stock and Bonds. 1,644 00

Whole amount of income.....\$1,871 75

To the Synod of South Carolina :

The Committee appointed by your body at your last meeting in November, 1856, have discharged their duty to the best of their ability in collecting and investing the funds of South Carolina Professorship, in Oglethorpe, Ga., and they regret to state that Mr. Robert Adger, who was appointed with us, declined serving. They have made regular quarterly payments to your Professor, Mr. C. W. Lane, and now take pleasure in handing you a statement of their transactions, with memorandums of assets, and would state that if it meets with your approval, that Mr. Lane's salary might be increased to about \$1,600.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

WM. HARRAL, }
JAS. S. BOWIE, } Committee.

Charleston, October, 1857.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION.

The Committee of Education beg leave to report to Synod that they have received the following sums, available for the Education of Candidates for the Ministry, viz :

Income of the Scholarships belonging to the Theological Seminary	\$1,252 83
Collected on subscriptions obtained for the relief of Students, by Mr. Morrison, in Mississippi and Alabama.....	237 04
From the Second Church in New Orleans.....	100 00
From Jas. R. Aiken, Winnsboro'.....	100 00
Ladies' Society, Second Church, Charleston.....	100 00
A friend, through Rev. S. H. Hay.....	100 00
Walterboro' Church.....	40 00
Mount Zion Church.....	26 00
Through Rev. G. C. Gregg.....	55 05
Several members of Salem L. R. Church, through Rev. E. P. Palmer.....	60 00
A friend, through Dr. Howe.....	50 00
From a member of Columbia Church.....	10 00
Balance in hand of Treasurer Oct. 15, 1857.....	\$2,638 89
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	4,769 81

The expenditures have been as follows :

Appropriations to sixteen beneficiaries.....	\$2,395 00
Temporary loan to one Student to enable him to complete his studies.....	200 00
Towards the board of thirty-six Students in the Theological Seminary.....	1,104 00
For advertising.....	5 00
Discount on uncurrent money.....	1 80
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	\$3,705 80—3,705 80

Balance in hands of Treasurer.....\$1,064 01

This being deducted from the balance in hand at the last meet-

ing of Synod, shows an expenditure of \$1,618.99 over the receipts of the year past. The collection of the Columbia congregation of \$500, is not yet paid in, but will appear in the next annual statement.

Besides the above named amounts there are others which have not passed through the hands of the Committee. Bethel Presbytery has supported two young men in Davidson College, at an expense of.....\$400 00
 Harmony Presbytery.....403 55
 The Ladies Education Society of Columbia has supported
 one Student in the Seminary, at a cost of.....200 00
 The Glebe street Church another, at.....200 00
 The Central Church.....300 00
 The Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, has contributed to the support of six beneficiaries, and in addition to the \$100 mentioned before, has raised about.....900 00
 The Long Cane Congregation, Abbeville, has sustained
 one beneficiary, at a cost of.....200 00

These sums amounting to.....\$2,603 55
 Raise the sum expended for this particular object within
 our bonds, during the year, to.....\$6,309 35

Of this amount \$3,144.60 only has been raised by the free contributions of the churches of this Synod. The present necessities of the church demand a large and permanent increase in her contributions to this cause, and the Committee would invoke the aid of Synod in securing so desirable a result.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Of Foreign Missions, to the Synod of South Carolina, held in
 Sumter, October, 1858.*

It was in the midst of great commercial embarrassment, and general social distress, and of still darker forebodings, your Committee made their Report, at the last Synod; and while, therefore, they rejoiced in being able to present the cheering result of an increase in the total amounts contributed during the year then

ended, by the contributing Churches within the bounds of Synod, to the amount of \$731 61, in the whole receipts of \$4,900 00, they were deeply solicitous, lest, notwithstanding all the demands made upon us by the exigences of our Missions and the unequivocal indications of Providence for greater liberality, we should, on this occasion, have to unfold a record of diminished liberality. And yet—thanks be to God who both supplies the means and imparts the disposition to employ them for His glory, in the furtherance of every good work, and especially of that greatest work which includes, in the spirit which animates it, in the means employed by it, and in the glorious end aimed at by it, every other work by which man is benefitted—we are able to bring to His altar, and offer up to Him, with prayers and praises and confessions of sincerely felt unworthiness, a still augmented contribution.

The whole amount reported by our present Treasurer, Mr. James M. Caldwell, from October 22, 1857, to October 14, 1858, is.....\$4,248 86

The amount reported by the Treasurer, in New York, from October 10, 1857, till October 21, 1858, is... 1,978 17

Making a total of.\$6,227 03

The amount of increase over and above the whole amount of last year, is 423 00

This, it is true, is indeed small, and, in comparison with the amount *pressingly required* by our missionaries—with what *might* be given, and with what, doubtless, *ought* to be given—it is insignificant; yet, nevertheless, in view of our past standard, and the general standard of Christian liberality, and the condition of our communities and churches, the amount is largely encouraging. The fountains of liberality have not been dried up, nor their streams directed into mere selfish and local pastures, but have still gone forth to the north, and to the south, and to the east, and to the west, watering Christ's divine abode, making glad the city of our God, and carrying the waters of Salvation to the waste and arid deserts of heathenism. This is the Lord's doing, and to Him be all the glory. It is of the Lord's mercy that this has come to pass. Of his own bestowing have we given Him all this. It is but a small part of what the Lord has done for our own souls. Zion itself, was a wilderness, and Jerusalem a desolation. Faith

was weak, and hope feeble, and love cold, and desire itself failed. But God was pleased to come near and shine upon us from on high, and visit us in mercy. He has quickened our souls, and revived our drooping spirits, and stirred us up to call upon His name, and put a new song into our mouths, even praise unto our Saviour God. Many of our Churches have been refreshed. Many of our ministers have received a fresh unction from the Holy One. Many souls have been brought out of their graves, and made alive unto God. The fathers have been spared to us, with the exception of one who, with martyr heroism, and his armor on, rushed to his post of duty, though on a leave of absence, and offered himself up, a willing sacrifice, on the altar of his Saviour's service. Full of zeal, God has taken him in the chariot of his glory, to the mansions of his rest. Let us imitate his devotedness, that we may participate in his blessedness. But while one has been taken, how many have been left. God has preserved and sustained, in fearless faithfulness, those who have stood with him who fell, side by side, amid deaths often, and diseases manifold. Our beloved brother, who has gone from us to a distant scene of danger, has been brought back from the grave, and given, with a new life, to live, love and labor in his master's blest employ. Our Professors are still preserved to us, and our students multiplied to their plastic and moulding hands. But time would fail to enumerate the mercies, in the midst of judgments, of the past year. Truly have we reason to say, "Of thine own have we given, O Lord, and it is but little that our hearts have devised and our hands performed." O Lord, revive in us thy work of liberality; impart unto us thy grace of giving—the blessedness of freely giving—the joy of doing good. Open our hearts—the hearts of every minister, and elder, and member, and church among us to present offerings of thanksgiving, and tithes of charity, and free will gifts, and liberal things abounding out of the deepest poverty; and do thou, O Lord, open the windows of heaven and pour down a blessing that will increase these fruits of thy own mercy thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold.

The third argument on "Obedience the Life of Missions," which was, in part, presented last year as consequent upon "Faith the Principle of Missions," and upon "Christians Christ's representatives and agents for the Conversion of the World," has been carefully revised and adapted to the state and loud call of our Indian and Chinese Missions. But, as it was thus unavoidably delayed,

and I have been anxious to correct the proof, it is not entirely ready. It will, however, very soon be issued by our Board of Publication, and will be at once mailed to every minister, and, if a roll is at hand, to every elder and deacon within our bounds, and a number of copies sent, for distribution, to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery. These lengthened arguments have been prepared and presented, from year to year, in the sincere belief that they might be a last effort—as your organ—for promoting the glorious mission of the Church, as God's instrumentality for accomplishing His chief, and revealed, and decreed will on earth; and the first, second, and last obligation of the Church, namely: the evangelization and teaching of all nations, until the heathen are given to Christ for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

With great desire for its completion and efficiency, I have been enabled to consummate what, if spared so long, was my intended purpose, by a fourth and final argument, whose object is to prove that the missionary cause and spirit, and the spirit and agency of the Church of Christ are one and the same; that the missionary spirit is the vital spirit of practical Christianity, and the life and soul of all home benevolence, and of all ministerial, official and Church prosperity; that the original constitution of our nature, and that nature, as renewed by the Holy Ghost, and the whole doctrine, and duty, and history, and experience of Christianity combine to prove that home evangelization and prosperity, are in proportion to the existing purity and power of the missionary spirit and missionary enterprise; and that the call to the Ministry is a call to go and preach the Gospel; not at home, or in any one spot, but where Christ's Word and Spirit make out the commission—where Christ's Providence opens up wide and effectual doors—where Christ, the Captain of Salvation, is seen unfurling his banner, and calling heroic warriors to the fiercest contest, and the greatest danger, and the most probable martyrdom; where, in short, there is the loudest call of the greatest misery, and the most helpless wretchedness; and that no man can feel at ease in conscience who has not enlisted under Christ without reserve, and offered himself, in unconditional surrender, to be sent *where*, and *when*, and *as* Christ pleases.

This argument is at your disposal, to hear part of it now, or none, and to publish it as the others, or not. (V. Minutes, p. 26.)

With this, then, I close my lengthened papers. Even should I

continue to act in this highly important, though, as it regards executive agency, nominal office ; and, while I would rather continue in it, if desired, than see it abolished, I would most candidly and sincerely desire that a younger brother would undertake the office. And if my well beloved and most highly esteemed and honored brother, Mr. Girardeau, whose spirit, and life, and labors are all nobly and most successfully missionary, can be induced to become the mouth and heart of the Synod, in the supervision and advancement of the missionary cause, I will feel rejoiced, in the hope that, year by year, and long after this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave, your reports will indicate an increase of contributions, and an increase of love and zeal.

The accounts of the Treasurers are in your hands, and the expenses of last report will come with the next year's report.

THOMAS SMYTH, *Chairman, &c.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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Oglethorpe University in Account with John J. Gresham, Treasurer.

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1857.		1857.		1857.		1857.		1857.		1857.		1857.	
Nov. 17...	To cash paid for \$1000 South Western Rail Road Bonds bought at 90 cents.....		\$900 00	July 20...	By balance in hands of Treasurer.....		\$	892 52					
1858.	" cash paid for \$1000 South Western Rail Road Bonds bought at 90 cents and interest.....		915 41	March 16.	" cash proceeds of ten shares of Sparta Factory old stock gift of Jos. Bryan, Esq.			341 80					
May 15...	" balance principal in hand.....		315 91	June 26...	" cash from J. G. Dunlap through Dr. Tal- mage for subscriptions in New Orleans...			300 00					
"				July 20...	" cash for principal of notes collected....			597 00					
1857.			\$ 2,131 32										
Nov. 17...	To cash paid for \$500 South Western Rail Road Bond bought at 90 cents and int'st.		\$466 25	1857.	By balance of principal in hand.....			\$2,131 32					
1858.	" do. \$1000 do. do.		915 42	July 20...	" cash from churches in part of subscrip- tions to this fund.....			472 87					
May 15...	" Balance principal in hand.....		240 55					1,149 35					
"													
			\$1,622 23					\$1,622 22					

The permanent invested fund of the University consists of—

I.—GEORGIA AND FLORIDA PROFESSORSHIP.	
Georgia 6 per cent. State bonds.....	2,500
30 shares Milledgeville and Georgia Rail Road stock	3,000
10 Savannah City Bonds.....	5,000
2 South Western Rail Road Bonds.....	2,000
1 Muscogee Rail Road Bonds.....	500
1 share Georgia Rail Road Stock.....	100—\$13,100
II.—FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.	
10 Savannah City Bonds.....	5000
7 South Western Rail Road Bonds.....	6,500—\$11,500
1 Baldwin Co. Bond belonging to fund for education of Ministers.	500
Total investment in Georgia.....	\$25,100

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, (CONTINUED.)

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1857.	II.—CONTINGENT FUND.	1858.	I.—GEORGIA AND FLORIDA PROFESSORSHIP.	
July 20....	To balance due Treasurer.....	\$68 80	By cash for interest on notes collected to date.....	\$274 63
" 27....	" cash paid cost vs. S. Terry.....	10 95	" interest on bonds and dividends on stock.....	821 00
1858.			II.—FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.	
January 9.	" interest on note given for Professor's house.....	140 00	By cash from Churches for interest on subscriptions.....	218 95
June 1....	" Postage Envelopes.....	6 40	" interest on bonds and dividends on stocks.....	735 00
" "	" Catalogues.....	20 00	III.—TUITION, ROOM RENT, ETC.	
" "	" Advertisements.....	9 54	By balance from Prof. Lane.....	55 69
" "	" 2 volumes Natural History..	24 00	" cash for rent Professor's house..	240 00
" "	" freight on apparatus.....	73 63	" cash for tuition.....	1,113 00
" "	" Circulars and Envelopes.....	18 60	" cash for Room rent.....	704 90
" "	" Repairs on Dormitories.....	306 25	Balance due Treasurer.....	160 23
" "	" " College.....	250 00	" " Professor Lane.....	13 33
" "	" freight and apparatus.....	169 21		
June 8....	" postage stamps	3 20		
" "	Tuition of beneficiary on the Cabene fund.....	35 00		
" "	" Dr. Talmage's salary in full to July 20, 1858.....	1,700 00		
" "	" Professor Woodrow's salary in full to July 20, 1858....	1,500 00		
" "	" Exchange on remittances to the Treasurer.....	1 15		
		<u>\$4,336 73</u>		<u>\$4,336 73</u>

Errors excepted.

MACON, July 20, 1858.

JOHN J. GRESHAM, *Treasurer.*

	To balance received from Rev. Dr. Howe.....	\$30.47
Nov't. 8.	" " J. E. Savage.....	5.00
Dec. 31.	" " J. M. Perrin, note in full.....	25.00
	" " " interest on note.....	2.00
1857.		
Jan'y. 2.	To Dividend, 6 months, Bank Charleston Stock.....	12.00
" 14.	To amount from Messrs. Jas. Adger & Co. in full.....	16,995.27
Feb. 11.	" Sam'l. Clark, 1 years interest on \$600.....	35.00
" 16.	" Rev. D. McQueen, 4 years interest on \$100.....	28.00
" "	" Mrs. Macfie, note in full.....	50.00
" "	" " interest on her note.....	3.50
" "	" Ezra M. Gregg, note and interest.....	114.00
" "	" January interest on State Georgia Bonds.....	120.00
" "	" E. M. Gregg, Mt. Zion Church.....	35.00
Mch. 5.	" A. White, Sr., 4 years interest on note of \$100.....	28.00
" 11.	" Little Mount Church, Abbeville, S. C.....	210.00
" 16.	" D. B. McLaurin, interest on \$250.00, 4 years.....	24.00
" 21.	" J. P. Macfie, interest on note, \$100.....	7.09
May 1.	Interest on Memphis and Charleston Bonds.....	7.00
" "	July interest on State of Georgia Bonds.....	350.00
June 3.	Dividend on Bank Charleston Stock.....	120.00
" "	July interest on Greenville and Columbia Bonds.....	12.00
" "	" East Tennessee and Georgia Bonds.....	70.00
" 16.	Back Dividends on Bank Charleston Stock.....	69.00
Sept. 1.	September interest on Greenville and Columbia Bonds.....	210.00
		\$17,722.24
1857.		
Oct. 2.	To balance brought down.....	240.86

1857—October 2.—The above is a copy of my Cash Book, from November 8th, 1856, to date.
W. M. HARRAL, Chairman of Committee.
CHARLESTON, October, 1857.

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W. M. HARRAL, Chairman of Committee.
CHARLESTON, October, 1857.

Receipts by Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, from within the bounds of the Synod of South Carolina, in addition to amounts reported by J. M. Caldwell, Esq., Treasurer, from October 10, 1857, to October 10, 1858.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.		
Sumterville	83.10	
Hopewell	126.45	
Scion ..	123.00	
Williamsburg	54.00	
Camden.. ..	311.24	
Darlington.....	128.00	
Marion	11.25	
Concord	40.00	
Bennettsville	35.00	
Cheraw	92.00	
Salem, (B. R.).....	69.00	
Reedy Creek.....	28.00	
Lebanon	13.65	
Mount Zion.....	131.00	
Midway	8.00	
Clarendon.....	21.00	
Bishopville.....	18.00	
Great Pee Dee.....	4.00	
Indiantown.....	41.00	
Salem, (L. R.).....	38.20	
Brewington	20.00	
Pine Tree.....	7 50	
Carolina	25.00	
		1,428.39
PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.		
Bethel	10.00	
Catholic	58.00	
Cedar Shoals.....	6.00	
Fishing Creek.	49.00	
Unionville	4.00	
		127.00
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.		
Glebe-street	35.00	
First Church.....	230.00	
Second Church.....	35.00	
Columbia... ..	5.00	
Wadmalaw and John's Island.....	107.03	
Wilton	10.75	
		422.78
Total		1,978.17

JAMES MACKEAN.

New York, October 21, 1858.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CONTINUED.

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1856,	1857,		
Amount brought forward.....	\$4,248 86		226 53
Dec. 10. From a lady, a friend to Missions, Pickens County, Alabama.....			10 00
“ 22. Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Church.....			30 00
Jan. 20. Through A. Crawford, from First Presbyterian Church, Columbia.....			95 86
Feb. 11. Through W. J. Johnson, Treasurer, from Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston.....		326 98	
From Estate of Moore, for Mission in Africa.....		114 50	
“ 22. Through S. R. Moore, from Presbyterian Church, Yorkville.....			441 48
“ 27. Through D. D. Moore, Treasurer, from Bethesda Church, Bethel Presbytery.			145 00
Mar. 13. Through W. F. Hutson, Treasurer, from Stoney Creek Church.....			51 05
“ 5. From Dividend on 80 Shares Stock Farmers and Planters Bank, Baltimore, being Legacy of John Blair.....			70 00
“ 17. Through W. Y. Paxton, Treasurer, from Glebe street Church Charleston.....			90 00
“ 26. Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Church.....			140 00
			20 00
Carried forward.....	\$4,248 86		1,319 92

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CONTINUED.

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1855.	1858.			
Amount brought forward.....	\$4,248 86			1,319 92
Mar. 26. Through W. J. Johnson, Treasurer, from Second Presbyterian Church Charleston From a colored member of said Church..			239 00 11 00	250 00 5 00
" 30. From James C. McCants, North Santee...				
" 31. Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer of the Presbytery of South Carolina, from An- derson C. H. Church.....			20 50 46 25 13 05 10 00	
From Aveleigh Church.....				
From Hopewell Church.....				
From Hopewell, (Pendleton).....				
From Hopewell, (Pendleton) for debt of Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, by the Sabbath School.....			10 66 45 20 5 00	
From Rock Church.....				
From Smyrna Church.....				
From Willington Church, for debt of As- sembly's Board of Foreign Missions...			11 00	161 66
" 31. Through Rev. J. S. Harris, from Zion Church, Bethel Presbytery.....				12 50
April 8. Through H. M. Bruns, Treasurer, from Central Presbyterian Church, Charles- ton.....				70 00
" 13. Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer South Carolina Presbytery, from Good Hope Church.....				31 80
Carried forward.....	\$4,288 86			1,850 88

DR. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CONTINUED.

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1858,	Amount brought forward.....	\$4,248 86	1858,	Amount brought forward.....	1,850 88
April 13.	Through Saml. Clarke, from Beach Island Church.....		"	14. Through A. Crawford, Treasurer, from First Presbyterian Church, Columbia..	15 15
"	19. From Rev. D. Harrison, Bethel Presbytery, for Rev. C. H. Wilson, Indian Mission, in addition to what he receives from the Board.....		"	28. Through Rev. W. Banks, Bethel Presbytery, from Bethel Church.....	390 86
"	29. Through Dr. Daniel Townsend, Treasurer, from St. John's Island and Wadmalaw Church.....		"	From Catholic Church.....	25 00
	From the colored members of said Church.....			From Cedar Shoals.....	10 00
May 17.	Through Robt. Adger for Bancroft, Leman & Co. from Mrs. M. B. W. of Georgia.				58 00
June 1.	Through Rev. W. B. Corbett, from Wilton Church.....				6 00
"	23. Through W. J. Johnson, Treasurer, from Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for Mission in Africa. <i>Moore fund</i>				74 00
	From colored members of said Church.....				91 63
	Carried forward.....	\$4,248 86			16 00
					107 03
					5 44
					10 75
					35 00
					2,514 11

APPENDIX.

1855.

Amount brought forward.....

\$4,248 86

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Amount brought forward.....
 From Hopewell Church, (Pendleton).....
 From Sabbath School, Pendleton.....
 From Fairview Church.....
 From Friendship Church.....
 From New Harmony Church.....
 From Duncan's Creek Church.....
 From Rocky Spring Church.....
 From Rock Church.....
 From Providence Church.....
 From Rocky River Church.....
 From Bethany Church.....
 From Laurens C. H. Church.....
 From Anderson C. H. Church.....
 From Upper Long Cane Church.....
 From Broadway Church.....
 From Hopewell Church.....
 From Lodinont Church.....
 From Little Mountain Church.....
 From Rev. Wm. McWhorter.....
 From Bethesda Church, for Indian Missions,
 From Dr. John J. Norris, Indian Mission...

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 66 25
 7 00
 15 48
 10 15
 12 00
 1 00
 11 50
 25 00
 30 00
 27 60
 6 00
 30 50
 78 18
 142 63
 15 00
 16 90
 20 50
 4 25
 3 00
 5 00
 5 00

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627 25

Sept. 27. Through D. D. Moore, Treasurer, from Bethesda Church, Bethel Presbytery, \$50, of which to constitute Rev. John S. Harris, (Pastor) a life member of the Board of Foreign Missions.....

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Carried forward.....

\$4,248 86

Carried forward.....

\$3,672 49

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CONTINUED.

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1858.		1858.	
Amount brought forward.....	\$4,248 86	Amount brought forward.....	\$3,672 49
Sept. 29. Through Rev. John S. Harris, from Zion Church, Bethel Presbytery.....			16 00
Oct. 2. Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer, South Carolina Presbytery, from Good Hope Church.....			15 00
		From Laurens C. H. Church.....	21 00
		From Smyrna Church.....	15 00
		From Liberty Spring Church.....	15 55
		From Anderson C. H. Church.....	35 43
		From Sabbath School of Anderson C. H. Church.....	2 35
		From Rock Church.....	29 15
		From Midway Church.....	5 25
		From Broadway Church.....	4 15
		From Willington Church.....	6 25
		From Lodimont Church.....	17 50
		From Hopewell Church.....	33 00
		From Clinton Church.....	1 00
		From Gilder's Creek Church.....	2 00
		From Friendship Church.....	10 00
		From Sabbath School of Hopewell Church, Pendleton.....	6 00
		From Bethany Church.....	3 00
		From Nazareth Church.....	20 25
Oct. 9. Through Rev. A. A. James, Bethel Presbytery, from Fair Forest Church.....			241 88
			23 50
Carried forward.....	\$4,248 86	Carried forward.....	\$3,953 87

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CONTINUED.

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1855.	Amount brought forward.....	\$4,248 86	1858.	Amount brought forward.....	\$3,953 87
				From Salem Church.....	2 00
				From Miss J. N. Limestone Springs.....	2 50
					28 00
			Sept. 12.	Through A. Crawford, Treasurer, from	130 99
			" 14.	First Presbyterian Church, Columbia..	
				Through Rev. J. Douglas, from James	
				Island Church, collections at Monthly	
				Concerts.....	51 00
				From Ladies' Sewing Society....	15 00
				From Rev. J. Douglas.....	50 00
				From Mrs. F. C. Douglas.....	20 00
					136 00
					<u>\$4248 86</u>

J. M. CALDWELL, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, Oct. 25, 1858.

We have examined the account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES.

WM. H. GILLILAND.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Committee of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D., (P. O.) Charleston, S. C.

“ J. B. Adger, D. D.

“ J. H. Thornwell, D. D.

“ Ferdinand Jacobs.

“ John Douglas.

James M. Caldwell, Treasurer of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions—(P. O.) Charleston, S. C.

W. C. Dukes,	}	Auditing Committee on Account of Treasurer for Foreign Missions.
W. H. Gilliland,		

Committee of Domestic Missions.

Rev. John L. Girardeau, Charleston Presbytery—(P. O.) Charleston, S. C.

Rev. John McLees, South Carolina Presbytery.

“ J. M. H. Adams, Bethel “

“ T. R. English, Harmony “

Committee of Education.

Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D.—(P. O.) Columbia, S. C.

“ George Howe, D. D.

“ J. H. Thornwell, D. D.

“ J. B. Adger, D. D.

J. McF. Gaston, M. D.

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